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Records of Sandwich

Quarterly Meeting.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket 3d of 7mo 1845.

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7mo

The Clerk of this meeting having identified herself with some professing our name who have given countenance to the promulgation of unsound doctrines, and in other respects departed from the good order and discipline of the Society, having also separated themselves in a body at our last Yearly Meeting, and they now declining to notice an Extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting presented by a Committee from that body — Friends now present feel constrained in the ability which may be afforded, to endeavour to sustain this Quarterly Meeting upon its original ground, and in subordination to the ancient Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England — we therefore appoint Sarah S. Peckham as Clerk and Judith Swift as assistant for the day.

Several of the Yearly Meetings Committee being acceptably with us at this time, produced their minute of appointment which having

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7th mo. having been read, is satisfactory, and is as follows

Viz. "At our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New-England held on Rhode Island from the 16th of the sixth mo. to the 23d of the same, inclusive 1845.

A concern having spread over this meeting on account of the painful state of things in our Society, and men Friends having informed that they had appointed a Committee to visit subordinate Meetings for the purpose of advising and assisting them in the maintenance of our Christian discipline and good order in the transaction of their business — and in order to promote the same, and for the preservation of our ancient principles and testimonies, this meeting unites therewith, and appoints Patience Chase, Mary Buffington, Elizabeth Mitchell, Mehetabel Eddy, Lydia Swain, Mary Davis, Phebe Foster, Mary Buffington 2d, Mary Gardner, Judith Swift, Elizabeth Hall, Sylvia Ro. Wilbur, Mary Chase, Ruth Chase, Elizabeth Perry, Lucretia Tucker, Mary Paddack, Sarah S. Kenyon Lydia Wilbur and Martha S. Gould to join men Friends in the service. And we also unite with our men Friends in granting to our Quarterly

Meetings the liberty of changing the times and places of holding them, from what is ever provided by the discipline, if circumstances should appear to render such change necessary. The Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute and they are requested to report such change, if any should be made, in their accounts to this meeting next year, and the Committee are requested to report their proceedings at the same time.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the meeting aforesaid. Martha S. Gould Clerk. "

In consequence of the state of things alluded to in the opening minute of this meeting no account has been received in this except from Nantucket Mo. Meeting and the representatives therefrom are Sarah Barnard, Mary Barnard, Phebe Coffin and Mary S. Mitchell who are present excepting Sarah Barnard she having identified herself with a seperate body.

Answers to the 1st, 2d and 10th Queries have been received from Nantucket Mo. Meeting, and together with the Queries have been

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1th mo

read in this meeting.

Our men Friends informs that on account of the peaceful state of things within the limits of this Quarterly Meeting they have appointed a Committee to visit subordinate Meetings and extend such advice and assistance as circumstances shall require and way open for, with which this meeting unites, and appoints Mary Macy, Mary Davis, Susan Mitchell Mary Barnard, Eliza C. Coffin, Susan H. Smith Sylvia P. Milton, Mehetabel Eddy, Judeth Swift and Lucretia Tucker to join them in the service and report their proceedings to our next meeting — the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute, and sign it on this meeting's behalf.

We also unite with our men Friends in granting to the Monthly Meetings the liberty of changing the times and places of holding them if circumstances should appear to render such change necessary

Men Friends inform that they have concluded to hold our next Quarterly Meeting at this place instead of at Sandwich, with which this meeting

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7th mo

minutes

The Records of our Quarterly Meeting being in the hands of those who have seperated from us, we appoint Mary Barnard and Elizabeth Mitchell to call upon them requesting them to deliver them with all papers belonging to this meeting to Friends.

We have received Extracts* from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting which have been read in this meeting to our satisfaction, and the Clerk is directed to forward a list thereof to our several Monthly Meetings.

Having been mercifully favoured to transact the business that has come before us in much unity, we conclude purposing to meet again if permitted, in the 8th mo next at this place.

Sarah S. Paddock Clerk for the day.

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Extracts

At our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England held on Rhode Island from

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7th mo

the 16th of the 8th month to the 23d of the same inclusive 1813

On being permitted again to assemble in a collective capacity, the minds of a remnant have been bowed before Him from whom proceedeth every substantial good; and a feeling has been manifested that would under a grateful sense of past Mercies, reverently ascribe unto Him that praise which is His due; humbly supplicating a continuation of his watchful, paternal care — and that preserving power which is as a hiding from the wind, and a covert from the tempest, as a river of water in a dry place, and as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

A concern has spread over this meeting for the maintenance of our Christian discipline and good order, and for the preservation of our ancient testimonies that they be not suffered to fall through unwatchfulness, or through fear of the ~~many~~ things we may have to suffer — But that we may be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might, even as the Apostle when he said, "I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus".

Although our number is small in comparison with those we have been accustomed to meet with in our yearly Meeting capacity; yet we have been encouraged to believe that our engagements have been on the Lord's side, and that if there is but an abiding in His power, He will fight the battle, He will take the cause into His own hands, and the host of opposing Spirits which we have so much feared, will fall before us - even as at the sound of the Horn, or at the breaking of the Pitcher.

The Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings with whom we have heretofore corresponded, have fallen into the hands of those who have for a long time unjustly assumed the control of the affairs of the Church, and who have now gone out from us by an open schism, yet after seriously deliberating upon the subject, we have concluded to address those meetings, and a Committee was appointed, who accordingly produced essays which were united with, and directed to be signed by the Clerk and forwarded to the several Yearly Meetings.

We have united with our Friends in reversing the judgment of this meeting in 1843 in regard to the dissolution of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting; and also last year in relation to the case of John Wilbur and Thomas P. Nichols —

they having been concluded and recorded by those who had obtained an undue influence, and arbitrary control, and in violation of our discipline.—

The situation of our Yearly Meeting Boarding School at Providence, has been brought to our view— It appearing that those who have hitherto had the charge there, have identified themselves with the separatists, and have accordingly failed to report their proceedings to us at this time, a committee was appointed to unite with their Friends in rendering such assistance as may be called for, and to report to this meeting next year.—

A lively exercise has prevailed that an advancement in the Christian course might be witnessed by us individually; that thus the period may be hastened when "the Church shall come forth out of the wilderness leaning upon her Beloved, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."—

Signed on behalf and by direction of the meeting aforesaid

Martha S. Gould Clerk.

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10 mo.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket 2d of 10mo 1845.

The Representatives propose Sarah S. Paddock as Clerk, and Judith Swift as assistant of this meeting for the day, which being united with, they are appointed to that service.

Accounts from Dartmouth, Nantucket, Prospect and New Bedford Monthly Meetings have been received and read in this meeting, and the Representatives therein named are for Dartmouth Lucretia Tucker, Hannah K. Shearman and Mary Davis.
Nantucket Mary Paddock, Susan Coffin and Lydia G. Hussey.
Prospect, Ruth C. Baker and Ruth C. Baker.
N. Bedford, Lydia T. Barnaby, Mary Ann Taber, who being called are all present.

The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to call upon those who have separated from us requesting the records of this meeting

10th mo. inform that no way has yet appeared for them to attend to their appointment, and they are continued with the addition of Lucretia Tucker and Sylvia R. Wilbur to attend to it when opportunity offers and report when accomplished.

This meeting unites with the judgment of Nantucket Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Sarah S. Paddack to the station of an Elder having the concurrence of our men's ~~Society~~ meeting herein, and Mary Davis is appointed to inform the Select meeting hereof and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Answers to the 1st, 2d & 10th Queries have been received from all our Monthly Meetings excepting Sandwich and Pembroke, and together with the Queries, have been read in this meeting.

The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to visit subordinate meetings, have produced the following report, viz

"Having been appointed by this Quarterly

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Meeting, to visit Subordinate Meetings' and extend such advice and assistance as may might then and ability be afforded for, we can say, that we have attended to the object of our appointment in visiting several of the Monthly Meetings composing the Quarter, and that they have all been maintained in subordination excepting the Monthly Meetings of Sandwich and Pembroke, and no way appears to have yet opened for any of our number to visit those meetings." On behalf of the Committee

Francis Sabe

Mary Barnard. "

which is satisfactory to this meeting, and our Men Friends informing that they have concluded to continue the Committee to extend further care in the case, this meeting unites therewith, and continues the same Committee to unite with them in the service.

The business of this meeting being brought to a close, we conclude — purposing to meet again if permitted in 12th mo next at New-Bedford.

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12 mo 4th Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New-Bedford 12 mo 4th 1845.

The Representatives having proposed Sarah S. Paddock as Clerk and Mary Ann Baker as assistant Clerk of this meeting for the day, it is united with and they are appointed to that service

Accounts have been received from all our Monthly Meetings excepting Sandwich and Pembroke and the Representatives therein named are for Dartmouth Lucretia Tucker, Alice Wilbur, Rhebe Tripp and Mary Davis.

for Nantucket Mary Paddock, Rachel Gardner and Lydia H. Coleman.

" Westport Joanna Baker & Elizabeth Baker.

" New-Bedford Lydia S. Barnard and Mehetabel Eddy, who being called, are all present except 3, for the absence of one a satisfactory reason has been assigned.

Answers to the 1st, 2d and 10th Queries have

12mo Sean need from all our Monthly Meetings except Sandwich and Pembroke, and together with the Queries have been read in this meeting.

Mary Davis informs that she has attended to her appointment in giving information to the Select Meeting of the appointment of Sarah S. Paddock to the station of an Elder.

At our Quarterly Meeting in 1mo last, Elizabeth Mitchell and Mary Brownell were appointed a Committee to call upon those who have departed themselves from amongst us, requesting them to deliver to them all the Records and papers belonging to us, but no way coming to accomplish the same at that time, they reported accordingly, and a minute was made to that effect at our Quarterly Meeting in the 10th mo and the same Committee was continued with the addition of Lucretia Tucker and Sylvia R. Wilbur to attend to it when opportunity offered for it; who now report that they have not attended to it as they were not furnished with a copy of the minute and the Clerk is now authorized to furnish them

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12 mo 4th. with a copy of this minute and sign it on this meetings behalf.

The business of this meeting being brought to a close, we conclude purposing to meet again if permitted in the 1st mo next at Crew-Bedford.

Sarah S. Paddock Clerk for the day.

1846
4th mo. Sandwich Quarterly meeting of women friends held at New Bedford 4th mo 2d. 1846.

The representatives having proposed Judith Swift as Clerk and Susan Mitchell as assistant Clerk of this meeting it is united with and they are appointed to that service for the year ensuing.

Accounts have been received from all our Monthly meetings excepting Sandwich & Pembroke & the representatives therein named are for New Bedford Mahetable Eddy and Mary Ann Baker.

For Nantucket. Mary Gardner Lydia Swain & Susan Mitchell.

For Westport Ruth C. Baker & Mary Tripp.

For Dartmouth Lucretia Tucker Sutan H. Smith & Sylvia R. Wilbur, who being called are all present.

Answers to the Queries have been received from all our Monthly meetings except Sandwich & Pembroke & together with the Queries in this meeting, from which a summary

has been prepared to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting - we appoint Mary Davis Phebe Tripp, Lucretia Tucker, Rachel Gardner Mahetabel Eddy, Mary Macy, Sylvia R. Wilbur Lydia F. Barnard, Ruth C. Baker, Mercy Tifford, & Mary Ann Taber, our representatives to attend therewith and report to our next Quarterly meeting.

Our esteemed friend John Wilbur attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from South Kingston Monthly meeting held at Hopkinton 26th of 4th mo 1848. expressive of his prospect of attending some of the Quarterly meetings comprising this Yearly Meeting in connexion with the Yearly Meetings Committee of which he is a member and also of appointing some meetings if way should open for it. his company & gospel labours have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is left at liberty to sign an indorsement upon his minute.

The Committee appointed by the Quarterly Meeting to visit & extend such advice & assistance to subordinate meetings - have made the

following report namely, —

"The committee appointed to visit & extend such advice & assistance to subordinate meetings as circumstances might seem to require, can say that they have given attention to the object of their appointment as ability has been afforded but no way has opened for them to visit the Monthly Meetings of Sandwich & Pembroke having no hope that either of them could be sustained upon the original ground upon which they were established: and if such should be the judgment of the Quarterly meeting, we would suggest whether the time had not fully come in which it will be proper for the meeting to issue a minute of advice to those meetings respectively* which being considered it is concluded to leave the subject under the care of the same committee.

Some of the Yearly meetings Committees sitting with us at this time. Their company is very acceptable to us.

* On behalf of the Committee (Signed) Prince Saulsbury
Mary Davis.

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4th mo. The Committee appointed in the seventh Month last to call on those who have seperated themselves from us, and request them to deliver to Friend the Records and papers belonging to us make the following

Report

To Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Hoopen Friends

Dear Friends— This may inform that a part of the Committee call'd on Phebe Tifford the former Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting and requested the Records and Papers belonging to said meeting: She acknowledged she had them in her possession but refused to deliver them into our hands

On behalf of the Committee

(Signed) Lucretia Tucker

New Bedford 4th mo. 2. 1846.

Which report was accepted by this meeting.

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4mo The business of this Meeting being brought to a close we conclude _ further sitting to meet again if permitted in 7th mo next at _ Nantucket.

Judith Swift, Clerk

5mo 1st _ All our meetings for worship & discipline have been duly attended except on one first day of the week in each of our monthly meetings which have been prevented from attending by severe inclement weather _ Generally by the most of our members with the exception of those who have separated themselves from amongst us _ Love & unity observed _ mostly preserved from sleeping & other unbecoming behaviour.

4mo 2d. Each monthly meeting appears to extend care amongst all those who have not separated themselves from Friends, & who are desirous of maintaining the Ancient principles of our Society _ and such visitation as current & guard against detraction _ We know of no differences among Friends.

4th mo

Ans. 3d. — We believe a concern prevails with those who remain with Friends, to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech behaviour, & apparel, and to restrain them from unprofitable reading & conversation, and are engaged to be exemplary themselves. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.

Ans. 4th — Clear in the several parts of this Query.

Ans. 5th — With the exception of one Monthly Meeting (which has not been able on account of the peculiar situation in which it has been placed to give much attention to this query) the circumstances of the poor & such as appear likely to need assistance are duly inspected, their necessities relieved, and they assisted in such business as they are capable of, their children partake of learning — we know of none placed out from among Friends.

Ans. 6th — Parents & heads of families, have been concerned to maintain the doctrines of Friends, generally, and that all proceedings with respect to marriage

— to conformable to Discipline.

And 1st — The below Friends are generally careful to maintain our testimony faithfully in the several parts of this Query, yet there are some deviations, which are under notice.

And 8th — Clear as far as appears.

And 9th — Clear as to records — not wholly clear of removals without Certificates.

And 10th — The below a care rests on the minds of those who have not separated themselves from Friends, to deal with all offenders in the manner pointed out, and to pass judgment according to Discipline — but owing to the peculiar situation in which we are placed, may have not opened for dealing with those offenders who have seceded from us.

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7th mo 2d

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket 2d of 7th mo 1846.

The Clerks of this meeting having requested to be released from their appointment on account of the feeble state of their health, the Representatives propose Sarah L. Paddack as Clerk and Mary Ann Tabor as assistant, which being united with, they are appointed to that service until the 4th mo next.

Accounts have been received from all our Monthly Meetings which have been examined and the Representatives thereon named are for

Dartmouth Mary Davis, Sylvia R. Wilbur, Lucretia Tucker and Phebe Mayfield.

Nantucket Jemima Austin, Mary Paddack and Mary Gardner.

Westport Joanna Baker, Hannah P. Gifford and Ruth Baker

New Bedford Mehetabel Eddy and Lydia T. Barnard, who being called are present except 3 who were prevented from attending by indisposition

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June 2d

Mary Davis on behalf of the Representatives to the Yearly Meeting reports that they all attended.

Queries to the 1st, 2d & 3d Queries have been received from all our Monthly Meetings except Sandwich and Pembroke, and together with the Queries have been read in this meeting.

The Committee appointed in 5th mo last to visit subordinate meetings and extend such advice and assistance to them as circumstances might require and may then for, have presented the following report, which is satisfactory, and circumstances still seeming to require such a Committee, we appoint Susan Mitchell, Phebe Mansfield, Mary Davis, Mary Chamberlain, Rachel Gardner, Sylvia B. Hatch, Elizabeth Mitchell Ruth Baker and Mary Barnard to unite with men Friends on the Island in visiting and extending such advice and assistance to our subordinate meetings as may appear necessary and may open for, and report to the next or future meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish

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them with a copy of this minute and request on this meetings behalf.

* To the Quarterly Meeting

Having been appointed to extend such advice and assistance to subordinate meetings as circumstances might require and may open for; we can say that we have been alive to the importance of the subject, and some of our number have on several occasions attended meetings, and given such other attention to the object of our appointment as may have opened for, and has from time to time appeared necessary.

On behalf of the Committee Rich^d Barnard

Mary Macy.

The business of this meeting being brought to a close we conclude, purposing to meet again if permitted in the 10^th^ mo next at this place.

Sarah S. Paddock Clerk.

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10th mo. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Sandwich 7th of 10th mo 1844.

Minutes have been received from all our Monthly Meetings with the exception of Sandwich and Pembroke and the Representatives thereon named are

for Dartmouth Mary Paul, Asa Gifford and Lucretia Tucker.

" Sandwich Hugh C. Coffin, Deborah Hoag and Jemima Austin.

" Westport Ruth C. Baker and Mary Gifford.

" New Bedford Lydia T. Barnard and Mary Ann Taber, who being called are present.

The Queries have been answered this meeting with answers to the 1st 2d and 4th from all our Monthly Meetings excepting Sandwich and Pembroke.

Our esteemed friends Nathan Page & Isaac Mott Monthly Meeting and Thomas B. Gould of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting attended this meeting, with a few of minutes

10mo 4th from their respective Monthly Meetings expressive of unity with them in their present religious engagements — their company and Gospel labours have been very satisfactory to us, and the Clerks left at liberty to sign endorsements on their minutes expressive hereof.

We have received Extracts* from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting which have been acceptably read at this time, and the Clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to our several Monthly Meetings.

Having been favoured to transact the business which has come before us, in harmony — we conclude [illegible] to meet again if permitted on the 12th month next at New-Bedford.

Sarah S. Paddack Clerk.

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Extracts

From the minutes of New England Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport on Rhode Island ~~for Two Days~~ by adjournments from

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the 17th of the 9 mo to the 19th of the same inclusive
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We have been again permitted through the
kindness of our Heavenly Father to meet in the meet-
ing allotted by. We believe it has been a season in
which many hearts have been drawn together and
united by the power of that love which gathereth
the love and life of truth subsisting in the name of
the Father and the Son; and the evidence has
been sweetly opened that all those who are fed
with the same spiritual food and refreshed from
the same unchangeable fountain are made
fit as one; — that as there is but one Lord and
one Faith, so there is but one effectual and se-
ving baptism; and the living members of the
true Church are truly partakers of this
declaration to their Lord, in the unity of the Faith
being baptized by the One Spirit into the One Body
which He governs to be the blessed and adorable
Head.

In considering the state of society as brought
to view by the Minutes of the Quarterly meeting
its counsel and advice have been tenderly impressed

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16 mo particularly with respect to the attendance of our religious meetings, and a desire expressed that friends might not suffer little things to prevent them from ~~attending~~ assembling together on their meetings at home and when they gathered become so careless and unconcerned as to give way to sleep and thereby bring a reproach on our profession.

We have also been reminded of the great responsibility which under the present trying circumstances rests upon our Society that we have made ourselves conspicuous in the eyes of the world and that only as we abide in an humble dependance on the Great Head of the Church can we walk circumspectly before men, shewing by our lives and conversations with a becoming gravity and seriousness of deportment that we have been with Jesus, that we are governed by His Spirit and are aiming at the promotion of His cause in the Earth.

An affectionate solicitude was also expressed for those among us to whom are committed the tender lambs of the flock that they may look to the alone source of all Good for help to enable them to bring such up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord carefully and faithfully restraining them from a conformity to the world and its vain fashions and customs, remembering that the future welfare of ~~the~~ our Society very much depends

on the rising generation, whose lives may be called to fill the places of their tender parents, who are so far surrounded and more required not only to maintain, but in a peculiar manner to suffer for the doctrines of the Gospel of Christ - but if they are made willing patiently to endure unto the end, these afflictions will work for them a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. Truly the witness in many hearts has been united and we have been favoured to see together in heavenly fellowship with Christ Jesus being baptized into a precious oneness of spirit and united in a harmonious exercise for the welfare of the Body, and it is our earnest desire that we may all continue steadfast in the Truth, growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, until we come to a perfect stature in Him.

We have received minutes from Monthly meeting concerning our dear friend Benjamin Buffington and both Buffington, which being read were satisfactory to the meeting. Copies of Epistles to the several Yearly Meetings on this Continent and to those of London and Dublin have been prepared and being approved by this meeting, were directed to be signed by the Clerk and forwarded. Minutes

friends inform that they have granted to the Quarterly Meetings the same privilege as last year in regard to changing the time and place of holding them as circumstances may appear to render such change necessary - with which this meeting unites, and they are requested to report such change if any be made in their account to this meeting next year.

We have been favoured through the various sittings of this meeting to transact the business which has come before us in harmony, and under the precious covering which safed to us at this time, we conclude.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the meeting by Martha L. Smith Clerk.

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12 mo Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 12th mo 3d 1846.

Accounts have been received from all our Monthly Meetings which have been sustained, and the Representatives therein named are

For Dartmouth Mary Ann Peckham Mansfield and Sabra R. Wilbur.

Portsmouth Rhoda Clark, Mary G. Graham and Lydia Sisson.

Nantucket Hannah Barker and Ruth Barker.

New Bedford Mehetabel Eddy and Mary Ann Taber, who being called are all present.

The Queries have been read this meeting with Answers to the 1st 2d and 3d from all our Monthly Meetings excepting Sandwich & Pembroke.

It appears by the account from Nantucket Monthly Meeting that according to the liberty granted by the Quarterly Meeting: they have concluded to hold their Preparative Meeting on the 4th day after the first 5th day, and their Monthly Meeting on the

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12 mo. 6th day after the third fifth day, also their
meetings for worship on 1st and 4th days, all
at the house of John R. Bates in Westport.

By the account from New Bedford Monthly Meeting
we are informed that in the 8th mo last they changed
the place of holding all their meetings from the
house of Job. Eddy to their new Meeting-house on
4th street.

The Committee to visit subordinate meetings
have produced the following report — viz.
"Having been appointed to visit and extend such ad-
vice and assistance to some of our subordinate meet-
ings as they might stand in need of, and way open for, we can report that we have atten-
ded in some measure to the object of our appointment.

The most of our number have at different times
attended the monthly meeting of Westport, where
such counsel has been given as in the judgment of
the committee seemed necessary and which was well
received. Six of our number proceeded to Sand-
wich for the purpose of visiting that Mo Meeting, but
were refused admittance into the house, unless we

would comply with certain requisitions, which were in substance; that we they should quietly & silently sit through the first meeting and when the shutters were closed, leave the house immediately — which in the judgment of the Committee, it was not consistent for us to agree to; and after informing those who were at the head of the affair of our views, and obtaining such counsel as they seemed to give us, we withdrew from them.

The Monthly Meeting of Purchase having called the attention of the Committee and some time back four of our members were there, with the intention of attending that meeting. We returned word during to, one of the members thereof having offered them to that effect, stating at the same time that we could in the course they had taken.

Which is submitted to the Quarterly Meeting, on behalf of the Committee. Prince Mabry

12 mo 2 1846. (Signed) Mary Davis. "

which is satisfactory to this meeting, and the same Committee are continued to extend further care in the case as they may see fit, and report to our next or a future meeting.

Our friends inform that the sub-

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12 mo - ject of the present standing of Sandwich Monthly
Meeting having claimed their weighty and deliberate
consideration it is their united sense and judgment
that the following minute of advice be forwarded to
that meeting* which is approved by this meeting
and the Clerk is directed to sign it in behalf
thereof.

*viz. "To Sandwich Monthly Meeting.

This meeting has from time to time been brought
into a painful exercise on your account believing that
you have departed in a body from the original
ground upon which your meeting was set up, by acknow-
-ledging a Quarterly Meeting which has given sanction
to departures from our well known principles and
testimonies. Under as we apprehend, a living
concern for the promotion of the cause of Truth as
professed by Friends, as well as a deep interest
on your account individually, we do very affection-
-ately advise you to cease from corresponding with the
meeting alluded to, and forward your accounts
to this meeting which is in unity with the ancient
Yearly Meeting of New-England, and the doctrines
and testimonies which it has a people to bear. ——

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The business of this meeting being brought to a close we conclude, by uniting to meet again if permitted on 4th mo next at New Bedford.

Sarah S. Paddock Clerk.

4th mo

1847 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at New Bedford 1st & 4th month 1847

The time having expired for which the clerks of this meeting were appointed, the representatives propose Elizabeth H Earle as clerk and Mary Ann Tabor assistant. Which being united with by the meeting they are appointed to that service for the day.

Accounts have been received from all our monthly meetings, except Sandwich and Pembroke and the representatives therein named are for Dartmouth, — Mary Davis, Hannah K Sherman and Sylvia R Wilbur. — For Scituate Mary Barnard, Eliza C Coffin, and Alice Mitchell — For West Port Ruth Baker, and Mercy Gifford

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1847 For New Bedford Mercy H. Meader, and Elisabeth H. Earle. Who on being called were all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned. —

Answers to the queries have been received from all our monthly meetings except Sandwich and Pembroke. Which together with the Queries have been read in this meeting, from which a summary has been prepared to be forwarded to the yearly meeting by our representatives Who are Elisabeth Mitchell, Mary Barnard Mary Ann Tuley, Mercy Davis, Mercy Gifford Sylvia R Wilbur and Mehitable Earle, whom this meeting appoints to that service, and they are requested to report to our next Quarterly meeting

This meeting unites with Dartmouth monthly meeting in disapproving the public appearances in the ministry of Hannah Slade, we having the concurrence of our friends therein.

and also with the same meeting in the appointment of Sylvia R Wilbur to the station of an Elder, having the unity of our friends

Mary Macy is appointed to give this information to our select Quarterly meeting and report to our next meeting.

This meeting unites with our friends in disapproving the public appearances in the ministry of Isaac Lawrence and also in displacing Abraham Russell from the station of an Elder.

Our friends inform that they have come to the conclusion to dissolve Sandwich Monthly meeting. With which this meeting unites

Our Friends also inform that on account of part of the members of the late Sandwich Monthly meeting suffering inconvenience by its dissolution, they have, after weighing the subject, concluded to grant the request of the following named friends to be annexed to Newport monthly meeting, in accordance with the provision in discipline relating to such cases — viz Cyprian Kelly with Rhoda his wife, their two children Eliza and Isaac also Stephen Sisson and Judith, his wife and their three children, Browning, Solomon

and Samuel Macy. With which this meeting unites.

A report of the Quarterly meeting's Committee being presented, it is concluded that the consideration thereof be referred to our next Quarterly meeting. —

The business of this meeting being brought to a close we conclude. Proposing to meet again if permitted, in Seventh month next at Nantucket

Elisabeth H. Eady, clerk to the day

Sandwich general answers aside from those who have seperated from Friends

— Ans. 1st. — All our meetings both for religious worship and discipline have been attended by most of our members. The hour nearly observed. Mostly clear of sleep — No other unbecoming behavior when assembled

— Ans. 2nd Love and unity are maintained amongst us and detraction, we believe guarded against. — We know of no differences

Ans. 3d — Most Friends appear to be concerned to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech behavior and apparel, — to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from the corrupt conversation of the world and to frequent meetings of worship therein. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.

— Ans 4th. — We believe Friends are generally careful in the several parts of this Query

— Ans. 5th. — The circumstances of the poor are duly inspected. and their necessities relieved as far as way opens for it, and they assisted in such business as they are capable of. We know of none placed from among Friends

Ans. 6th. — We believe Friends are generally careful in the several branches of this query

Ans 7th. — Most Friends appear concerned to maintain our testimony faithfully in the several parts of this query

Ans. 8th — Friends are generally careful in the several branches of this query

Ans 9th The records are attended to, as far as circumstances will admit. Some care is taken with regard to certificates

Ans. 10th Friends are endeavouring to deal with offenders as queried after and to place judgement where it appears necessary in the authority of Truth according to our discipline

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7th mo

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Granby 1st of 7th mo 1847.

The time having expired in which the Clerks of this meeting were appointed, the Representatives report Sarah S. Paddock for Clerk and Mary Ann Baker for assistant, which being united with, they are appointed to that service until the 4th mo next.

Accounts have been received from our several Monthly Meetings which have been sustained and the Representatives thereon named, are for Dartmouth Sylvia H. Arthur, Mary Davis and Hannah M. Shearman.

for Sandwich Rhoda Coffin, Olive Coleman and Mary S. Wheeler.

Oblong Rebecca Mosher Eddy and Phoebe Eddy.

Westport Elisha Baker and Christian C. Baker, who being called are all present.

Mary Ann Baker informs this meeting that she has attended to her appointment in giving information to the Select Meeting of the Quarterly Meeting's

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...ing the better appearance in the University of Han...
...nah Cook, also in the abandonment of Sylvia B. Wil...
...bur to the station of an Elder.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with Answers to the 1st, 2d and 12th pm are our Monthly Meetings, except Pembroke.

Mary Davis in behalf of the Representatives to the Yearly Meeting reports that they all attended.

We have read & united with the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting also a transcript of an Epistle addressed to the Yearly Meeting by Ohio Yearly Meeting which have been read in this meeting to our satisfaction - and the Clerk is directed to forward copies ~~thereof to~~ of each to our several Monthly Meetings.

Our Friends inform that they have continued to use the report of the Committee to visit subordinate meetings for consideration under next Quarter with which this meeting unites.

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We have read the following minute from our last yearly Meeting on case of Marriages, viz. with a view to changing the time and place of holding the Quarterly Meeting - which is satisfactory -

viz" It is the conclusion of this meeting that for the reason, when case occur of proposals for marriage by persons residing without the limits of this yearly Meeting, or Monthly Meetings within the Yearly Meeting, where there has been no satisfaction, that a satisfactory testimonial from such Friends who may reside within the limits of such Monthly Meeting, can the nearest thereto, be received, in the same manner and for the same purpose as testimonials have usually been received from Monthly Meetings'.

It is concluded to extend for another year the liberty heretofore granted to change the time and place of holding the several Quarterly Meetings - which are respectively requested to render an account of such change to this meeting next year. "

The business of this meeting being brought to a close we conclude, purposing to meet again

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June

if permitted on the 10th mo next at this place.

Sarah S. Paddock Clerk.

Extracts.

At an Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New-England held by adjournments from the 13th to the 19th of the 6th mo inclusive 1847.

The State of Society as presented by the Answers to the Queries being under consideration, much tender counsel has been imparted in regard to the due attendance of our religious meetings and the maintenance of a right exercise of mind therein — we have been feelingly cautioned against neglecting this important christian duty, or when assembled, giving way to a lukewarm disposition and so being overcome with drowsiness — a temptation of the unwearied enemy (who is continually seeking to ensnare the unwary) to which some are peculiarly exposed.

The meeting has been introduced into much exercise for the welfare of the members of our religious Society, and for the maintenance of our ancient principles and testimonies which we as a people are still called upon to uphold, and earnest desires have been raised that such as have been favored to stand faithful in the support of these against

the innovations which have been recently made within our borders, may continue to hold on their way - and that renewed watchfulness and circumspection may be observed by all our members, seeing that we are individually accountable for our stewardship and that the eyes of the world are upon us, in whose view we have made ourselves conspicuous by the high profession we are making. —

The close trials which have been allotted us, have been lovingly adverted to, and a concern has been expressed that they may have the effect designed of drawing us nearer to the source and fountain of Divine consolation and saving help, that as our faith and confidence being more & more centered in Him, who has thus far made a way for us where there seemed to be no way, we may experience the blessing of preservation, and establishment on that foundation which standeth sure, Christ Jesus the Rock of Ages —

The Committee appointed last year to visit subordinate meetings produced the following report, which is accepted —

and Falmouth, Smithfield, Uniontown and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings still omitting to report their Male to this meeting, and being informed that the Uniontown Meeting had continued the Friends now under appointment to extend their care to that and other subordinate meetings, as desired by

minute of last year - we unite therewith and recommend Mary Page, Mary Macy, Elizabeth Hill, Mary Davis, Ruth Chase, Mary Ann Taber, Elizabeth W. Nichols, Mary Buffinton, Hannah Buffinton, Ruth Foster, Lydia W. Wilbur, Lois L. Sisson and Mercy Gifford to join them in the service and report to this meeting next year.

It is the conclusion of this meeting that for the present when cases occur of proposals for marriage by persons residing within the limits of this Yearly Meeting, or in Monthly Meetings within the Yearly Meeting, where there has been no separation that a satisfactory Certificate from sound Friends who may reside within the limits of such Monthly Meeting, or in the vicinity thereof, be received in the same manner and for the same purpose, as Certificate have heretofore been received from Monthly Meetings.

The youth have been earnestly and affectionately entreated to submit to the Power of the Cross of Christ, by which they would be preserved from the contaminating influence of vicious associations, and being made willing to appear as fools for His sake, and to follow Him the Beloved of Souls in the way of His leading, their hearts would be filled with the reward of, that peace which the world can neither give nor take away.

In this Yearly Meeting we have been favoured to feel

the good presence of the Refreshed of Israel - strengthening and encouraging us under our various trials - uniting our hearts to Him, and one unto another, and enabling us to rejoice in that we have been permitted to suffer for His sake, who remains to be the above Reffer of His people.

Extracted from the minutes of the meeting aforesaid
by Martha S. Gould Clerk ——

Nantucket Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket 7th of 10th mo 1849.

The assistant Clerk of this meeting being absent, the representatives before Mary S. Mitchell, which being united with, she appointed to that service for the day.

Accounts have been received from all the Monthly Meetings except one, and the Representatives therein named are, for Sandwich, Susan H. Smith, Sylvia R. Wilbur and Mary Dair.

Nantucket Susan Coffin, Lydia Munroe and Mary Paddock. for Westfield Mercy Gifford & Ruth C. Baker. for Dartmouth Judith Mosher and Anna Hussey, who being

called are all present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason is assigned.

Answers to the 1st, 2d and 7th Queries have been received from all our Monthly Meetings which have been examined, and together with the Queries, have been read in this meeting.

Our men friends having informed this meeting that they have united with Fairfield Monthly Meeting in approving the gift and public appearance in the ministry of Thos. Ellis & Hannah Hussey - the subject has claimed the solid and weighty deliberation of this meeting - but the way not opening in the minds of our friends for a full expression of unity, it is proposed, that the subject be deferred until our next Quarter for consideration - with which men friends unite.

Men Friends inform that the present standing of Pembroke Monthly Meeting having been referred from the minute of last Quarter to the consideration of this, has been weighty and deliberately considered, and they have come to the conclusion to forward, to that meeting the following minute - which is approved by this meeting and the Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf thereof.

1847 " The subject of the present standing of Pembroke

Monthly Meeting having been referred from the minutes of last Quarterly Meeting to the consideration of this, has been weighty and deliberately considered, Friends having been brought under close exercise on the account at this, as well as at other seasons, and it is our united sense and judgment, that, that meeting has departed from the original ground upon which it was established by laboring to form and its accounts as formerly to this meeting, and acknowledging itself a subordinate branch of a spurious meeting, which has given its sanction to doctrines contrary to those professed by Friends, and the Clerk is directed to forward to that meeting a copy of this minute and sign it on our behalf, the women meeting uniting herein.

The business of this meeting being brought to a close - we conclude - purposing to meet again if permitted, on 12th mo next at Penn - Bedford.

— Sarah J. Paddock Clerk.

12mo

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New-Bedford 2d of 12mo 1847.

Accounts have been received from all the Meetings in the exception of one, and the Representatives therein named, are for —
Dartmouth, Mary Davis, Phebe Ingraham & Sylvia R. Wilbur
Cranbrook, Mary Peckham and Lydia C. Hussey.
Portsmouth, Joanna Baker and Mercy Gifford.
New-Bedford, Susan Wilbur and Mehetable Eddy
who being called, are all present.

Our beloved Friends Nathan Page of Salem Monthly Meeting and Thomas B. Gould of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting attended this meeting with copies of minutes from their respective Monthly Meetings expressive of unity with them in their labors in religious engagements — their company and gospel labours have been very acceptable to us.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with Answers to the 1st, 2d and 10th from all the Monthly Meetings except one.

The subject of the gift and public appearance in the ministry of Christopher C. Hussey which was referred from the minutes of last Quarter, has again claimed

an attendance, and after a time of weighty deliberation this meeting united with the men's in appointing the same.

The business of this meeting being accomplished, we conclude, first proposing to meet again if permitted, on the 4th day next at this place.

Sarah S. Paddock, Clerk.

1848
4th mo

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 6th of 4th mo 1848.

The time having expired for which the Clerk of this meeting was appointed the following named Sarah S. Paddock is Clerk and Elizabeth H. Eddy is assistant which being united with they are appointed to that service for the year ensuing.

Seconds have been received from all the Monthly Meetings except one, and the Representatives therein named to this meeting are as Dartmouth Mary Davis, Alice Wilbur and Sylvia R. Wilbur

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4th mo

Sa Nantucket, Mary Gardner, Eliza B. Coffin and Jemima Austin

Respect Ruth Baker and Joanna Baker

New Bedford, Anna Hussey and Rhoda Kelley

who being called are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with Answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings with one exception, together with a Summary prepared therefrom, which are to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by our Friends Judith Swift, Mary Macy, Mehetabel Eddy, Ruth A. Baker, Mary Paddack, Mary Davis and Sylvia R. Wilbur whom we have appointed our Representatives to attend therewith and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Nantucket Monthly Meeting having informed that that meeting had united with a proposition for the appointment of Mary Barnard to the station of an Elder - this meeting has concurred the determination of this meeting and it is the judgment hereof that it be referred to our next Quarter for further consideration.

We have received testimonies from Dartmouth

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4th mo. A Monthly Meeting concerning our Beloved Friends James and Sarah Tucker deceased, which have been well and feelingly united with and the Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting in conjunction with the Clerk of the men's meeting.

The Clerk of this meeting is directed to sign extracts of minutes to be furnished our Beloved Friends Nathan Page and Thomas S. Gould who attended our last Quarterly Meeting.

Our Friends inform that they have concluded to refer the case of Penelope Mosher, meeting to our next Quarter for further consideration with which this meeting unites.

The business of this meeting being accomplished, we conclude — adjourning to meet again if permitted on the 5th mo. next at Pembroke.

Sarah S. Paddock Clerk.

Summary

Query 1st. All our meetings both for worship and discipline have been attended (except on one day when Friends were hindered from attending by very inclement weather) and mostly by the greater part of our members — The hour mostly observed — generally preserved from sleeping — clear of other unbecoming behaviour as far as appears.

2d. Love and Unity are in a good degree maintained, and Detraction guarded against — No difference that we know of.

3d. Elder Friends appear concerned to bring up their under their direction in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel — to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and are themselves exemplary herein. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.

4th. We know of but clear as to spirituous liquors and unnecessary frequenting of taverns, and places

& public worst, and also observe moderation as Friends

5th. The circumstances of the Poor are duly inspected their necessities relieved and they assisted in such business as they are capable of — we know of none placed out from among Friends.

6th. Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are mostly careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage is conformable to our Discipline.

7th. Most Friends appear concerned to maintain our testimony faithfully in the several parts of this Query.

8th. Friends are generally careful in these respects.

9th. Marriage certificates duly recorded — births and deaths mostly — some removals without certificates which are under notice.

10th. Friendly endeavour to deal with all offenders in the manner queried after, and judgment has been placed when thought necessary, we trust in the authority of Truth, according to our Discipline —

1848

7th mo Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket 6th of 7th mo 1848.

The Assistant Clerk of this meeting being absent Mary S. Mitchell is appointed to that service for the day.

Accounts have been received from all our Monthly Meetings except one, and the Representatives therein named to this meeting are for Dartmouth Sylvia R. Wilbur, Hannah R. Shearman and Mary Davis

Nantucket Lydia Swain, Mary S. Mitchell and Mary Paddack.

Westport Mercy Gifford and Ruth Baker.

Our Beloved Mehetabel Eddy and Lydia S. Barnard who being called are present except S— for the absence of 2 a satisfactory reason has been assigned.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st, 2d and 7th from all our Monthly Meetings with one exception

Mary Macy on behalf of the Representatives to the

Yearly Meeting opens that they all attended except
who was prevented by indisposition of body.

The subject of the disownment by Chatham Mo
Meeting of Mary Barnard to the station of an Elder
being referred from the minutes of last Quarter to the
consideration of this, has again claimed our attention
and after a time of solid deliberation, this meeting
unites with that Monthly Meeting in the disownment
now therein concurring herein and Enjoins the Clerk
is appointed to inform the last meeting hereof and
report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

We have received Extracts from the minutes of our
last Yearly Meeting, which have been read at this time
to our satisfaction, and the Clerk is directed to forward
copies thereof to our several Monthly Meetings.

The business of this meeting being brought to a close
we conclude - proposing to meet again if permitted
in the 10th month next at this place.

Sarah S. Paddock Clerk.

Extracts

Extracts from the minutes of an Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the Eleventh of the 6th mo to the 15th of the same inclusive 1848.

Second day of the week and 12th of the month.

The state of Society being introduced by the reading of the Queries, with the answers thereto received from the Quarterly Meetings, much instructive counsel has been imparted — a lively concern having been felt and expressed that Friends individually may be more and more engaged for the maintenance of all our precious testimonies — The deficiencies reported in some of the Answers in this regard to the support of these have been feelingly adverted to, and Friends were tenderly exhorted to faithfulness in the performance of these duties, which are not only essential to the well being of Society, but to an individual advancement in religious experience and usefulness.

We were reminded that as the Love of the Father is shed abroad in our hearts by His Spirit which he hath given us, and we come to love Him supremely we shall be favoured to experience the fulfilment of that emphatic declaration of Holy writ, "If ye love me keep my commandments" "& Then ye abide in my love, even as I ~~keep~~ my have

kept my Father's commandments and abide in His love." Love is the badge of true discipleship; as Jesus our Blessed Redeemer," By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one unto another;" and if we through the prevalence of our Heavenly Father's love, are brought to yield obedience to the influences of his Spirit and to walk in the Light as He is the Light, we shall be preserved a living people, and as we commune through adorable mercy, being with the Father and with the Son, we shall have true fellowship one with another and be favoured to experience the "unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

How we thus lovingly engaged to acknowledge the Lord in all our ways, and to wait for His unerring direction who hath mercifully promised, "I will guide thee with mine eye;" the standard of Truth would be erected in the sight of the people in such a manner as to cause them to rally thereunto as doves to their windows of the ark of the Lord's testimony - every unsanctified finger which might be raised unbidden to steady the same, would be restrained, and we should experience a growth and stability in the Truth advancing step by step towards an establishment therein, until that gracious and encouraging promise is abundantly verified, "Your

make an everlasting covenant with you" even the sure mercies of David."

Men Friends inform that under a consideration of the difficulties and inconveniences to which Friends in divers places are still subjected in consequence of the late separation with regard to holding our religious meetings, they have again concluded to extend the liberty heretofore granted to the several Quarterly Meetings, to meet according to the present arrangement for another year, as if from the circumstances stated it shall appear to them necessary to change the times or places of assembling - they are left at liberty to do so, and are requested to report such changes, if any, to this Meeting next year; with which we unite, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute.

Extracted from the minutes of the meeting aforesaid by Martha S. Gould Clerk.

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Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket 5th of 10th mo 1848.

Accounts have been rec'd from all our Mo. Meetings except Dunbarton, and the Representatives therein named to this meeting are
For Dartmouth Mary Paine, Sylvia R. Wilbur & Mary Ann Slade.
Nantucket Susan Coffin, Alice Mitchell and Mary Paddock.
Portsmouth Mercy Tyler and Joanna Baker.
New-Bedford Mehetable Eddy and Rhoda Kelly.
Who being called are present except S. for which absence, satisfactory reasons have been assigned.

The Assistant Clerk of this meeting being absent, Mary T. Mitchell is appointed to that service for the day.

The Queries have been read in this meeting, with Answers to the three usually considered, from all our Monthly Meetings with one exception.

Elizabeth Mitchell informed this meeting that she has attended to her appointment

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10 mo

in giving information to the Select Meeting of the appointment of Mary Barnard to the Station of an Elder.

Having been favored to transact the business which has come before us in harmony - we conclude thus proposing to meet again if permitted in the 12th month next at New-Bedford.

Sarah L. Paddack Clk

12th mo
1848.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New-Bedford 7th of 12th mo 1848.

Accounts have been received from all our Monthly Meetings except one, and the Representatives therein named to this meeting are for

Falmouth Sylvia R. Wilbur, Phebe Mayfield and Mary Davis.

Nantucket Phebe Folger, Eliza Ann Easton and Jemima Austin — for Westport Ruth C. Baker and Mercy Gifford. New Bedford Judith Swift & Mary Ann

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12 mo

Take, the being called are present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason has been assigned.

The assistant Clerk of this meeting being absent, Mary S. Mitchell is appointed to that service for the day.

Answers to the usual 3 Queries have been read at our Monthly Meeting except Penknife and together with the Queries have been read in this meeting.

Our Beloved friend Nathan Page attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Salem Monthly Meeting expressive of unity with him in his present religious engagement. His company and gospel labours have been very acceptable here.

Olen Friends inform that they have united with Deckerville Monthly Meeting in a proposition for altering the place of holding their Monthly Meeting from the house of our friend Jesse Tucker to the house of our friend Thomas H. Wilbur until a further alteration shall be concluded on, which having

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been considered is united with by this meeting.

The Committee in the case of Pembroke Mo. Meeting, have produced the following report - viz.

"Having been appointed in the 9th month last to consider the subject of the present standing of Pembroke Monthly Meeting; we have attended to the object of our appointment and are united in judgment that the requisitions of the Discipline have been fully answered by the care hereafter recommended by the Quarterly Meeting and that further labour will be unavailing

On behalf of the Committee

Bunce Gardner,"

which has been read and considered in this meeting and men Friends having informed that they have come to the conclusion to dissolve that Monthly Meeting - this meeting unites therewith -

The business of this meeting being accomplished we conclude - purposing to meet again if permitted in the 4th mo next at this place.

Sarah S. Paddock Clerk.

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4 mos

Sandwich Quarterly & Town Meeting held at New Regent this 4th Month 1848

The time having expired for the, the Clerks of this meeting was appointed. The representatives proposed Eleazer S. Clark and Lydia G. Hussey for assistant Clerks — which being united with by the meeting, they are appointed to that service for the [illegible]

[illegible] for all our Monthly meetings, and the representatives thereto appointed are for Dartmouth [illegible] & Meeting [illegible] — Nantucket, Mary Ann Jackson, Edgartown, Lydia Luce. — Martha's Vineyard, Ruth Ann Mayhew, Sandwich, Lydia Ann Gifford. Minutes all [illegible] except one which was prevented attending by indisposition of health

Our men Friends having opened this meeting, that they [illegible] with the New Bedford monthly meeting in the appointment of Job Tinkey to the station of Elder — this meeting unites with them therein.

Our beloved Friends Nathan Page from Salem Monthly meeting and Elizabeth Hill from Berwick Monthly Meeting have attended this meeting with copies of minutes from their respective Monthly Meetings expressive of Unity with their ministry and present religious engagements ——

Their company and gospel labors have been very acceptable to us — and the clerk is directed to sign a minute expressive hereof in connection with the clerk of the Mens meeting

Answers to the Queries have been received from ~~all~~ our several monthly meetings which together with the Queries have been read in this meeting from which a summary has been prepared to be forwarded to the Yearly meeting by our representatives who are Elsie Anne Easton — Lucretia Tucker — Sylvia R Wilson Mary Paddock Ruth B Hersey Rachel Gardner — Mehetable Eddy & Mary Davis — When this meeting adjourns to that answer are they are requested to report to our next Quarterly meeting

the business of this meeting being brought to a close we conclude — purposing to meet again if permitted in the 4th month next at Nantucket

Elizabeth H Eddy Clerk for the day

General [illegible] who [illegible]

Ans 1 All [illegible] worship and discipline have been attended except one for worship in the middle of the week — The hour mostly observed; Dress generally [illegible] plainness — The testimony of no other unbecoming behaviour

Ans 2nd We believe that we are [illegible] in a good degree [illegible] among us and disunion generally exists — [illegible] that we [illegible]

Ans 3d Friends are generally careful as to [illegible] Books, and the corrupt conversation of the world — and also [illegible] to [illegible] with themselves — While some

as to remiss herein. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families

Ans. 4th. We believe Friends are generally exact in the several parts of this Query

Ans. 5th. The circumstances of the poor are duly inspected, their necessities relieved and they assisted in such business as they are capable of. We know of none placed out among Friends

Ans 6th. We believe Friends, and heads of families, with the young and unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with regard to marriage be conformable to our discipline

Ans 7th. Most Friends appear concerned to maintain our testimony faithfully in the several parts of this Query

Ans 8th. Clear as far as appears.

Ans 9th. Records are attended to. Some removals without certificates which are under notice

Ans. 10th Some care has been taken to deal with those who go as queries after and intermarry

are used to place punishment where nothing has been had in the authority of Truth among us to discipline

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1849
7th mo Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Fds held at Nantucket 5th of 7th mo 1849.

The Representatives inform that they have conferred together on the subject of Clerks, and would propose the names of Sarah S. Paddack for Clerk and Mary S. Mitchell for assistant — which being united with, they are appointed to these services for the year ensuing.

Accounts have been received from all our Monthly Meetings and the Representatives therein named to this meeting are, for
Dartmouth. Susan H. Smith, Hannah K. Shearman, Mary Davis and Lucretia Tucker.
Nantucket. Lydia W. Coleman, Margaret Swain & Anna Clark.
Westport. Mercy Gifford and Anstress A. Baker.

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7 mo

for New-Bedford Mehetabel Eddy and Mary Ann Taber, who being called are present except 3.

We have received Answers to the usual three Queries from all our Monthly Meetings, which together with the Queries have been read in this meeting.

Sylvia R. Wilbur on behalf of the Representatives to the Yearly Meeting reports they all attended.

Our beloved Friend Joseph Tuppe attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Hector Monthly Meeting State of New-York expressive of unity with his ~~ministry~~ and present religious engagement, his company and Gospel labours have been truly acceptable to us, and the Clerk is left at liberty to sign an endorsement on his minute expressive hereof, should our new Friends furnish him with one.

We are informed through the medium of the accounts from Dartmouth Mo. Meeting - that the place of holding their Monthly Mtg has been changed from the house of Thomas R. Wilbur to their new Meeting house in North Dartmouth.

The business of this meeting having been conducted in harmony under a grateful sense thereof we conclude — Jumping to meet again if permitted, in the 10th mo next at this place.

Sarah S. Paddack Clk

10th mo Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket 4th of 10th mo 1849.

Accounts have been received from all our Monthly Meetings, and the Representatives therein named to this meeting are in Dartmouth Lydia R. Thurber and Mary Davis

Nantucket Lydia Swain, Alice Mitchell and Mary Paddack

Westport Ruth Baker and Mercy Gifford —

New Bedford Judith Swift and Susan Wilbur who being called are present except those from Westport, for the absence of one a satisfactory reason has been assigned —

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with Answers to the usual three from all the Monthly Meetings.

10th mo
1849

We have received Extracts from the minutes of our last yearly Meeting which have been read at this time to our satisfaction, and the Clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to our several Monthly Meetings

Our Friends of Westfield M. M. inform that "Owing to the reduced state of their Monthly Meeting over the Meeting for worship at Centre they desire the advice of the Quarterly Meeting" and our Friends having informed that they have appointed a Committee to visit that meeting and extend such advice as may open for — we appoint Judith Swift — Rachel Gardner, Sybra R. Milburn and Mary Davis to unite with them therein and report to a future meeting.

Having been favored to transact the business which has come before us in harmony — we conclude — proposing to meet again if permitted in the 12th mo next at New-Bedford,

Sarah L. Paddack Clerk

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly
Meeting of Women Friends held on Rhode Island
for New England by adjournments from the
10th of the 6th mo to the 15th of the same inclu-
sive 1849—

During the several sittings of this Yearly Meet-
ting our minds have been introduced into a lively
exercise for the advancement of the Redeemer's king-
dom in ourselves — and the necessity of an unreser-
ved submission to the humbling power of the Cross
of Christ, and of greater faithfulness to the inward
manifestation of Divine Light and Grace has been
mightily impressed upon us; that so we may be favou-
red to experience an individual growth and establish-
ment in the Truth, and receive a right qualification
to promote the cause of Righteousness in the Earth.

We have been feelingly reminded that
it was the everlasting Truth itself for which our worthy
predecessors patiently endured long and cruel sufferings;
and that the Principles and Testimonies which we pro-
fess, and are assuredly called upon to bear, have been
transmitted unto us through them in all their fulness
and excellency. — But it is only as we are led by the

same unerring Spirit and strengthened by that
Divine Power which sustained them under all
their trials, and gave them the victory, that we
can be enabled to maintain the same Principles
with unclouded brightness and in unsullied
purity:— And as we are lovingly engaged to follow
them as they followed Christ although we may be
tried as in the furnace of affliction, yet his humble
and dependant children in the present day who
abide in the patience and maintain the watch
will experience the fulfilment of the gracious prom-
ise— "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee" and so
continuing steadfast in that Faith which gives the
victory and overcometh the world, they will be brought
forth as gold that has been tried in the fire.

Finally those whose eyes have been opened
to see the exceeding sinfulness of sin, but who through
inattention to the Light which maketh manifest
have not fully submitted to the operation of that Power
which cleanseth from its defilement and changeth the
corrupt propensities and fallen nature of the heart of
man, have been encouraged to take his yoke upon
them and learn of Him "who was meek and low of

heart, that so they may find rest to their souls

As this is an continued engagement, we shall be kindly affectioned one towards another, according to the Apostolic injunction – in honour preferring one another and so fulfil the law of Christ; instead of indulging in feelings at variance with that law, and allowing ourselves to speak slightly one of another, we should witness the blessed effects of it in setting us free from the law of sin and death and restoring righteousness and purity of heart. – then indeed shall we become one another's helpers and joy in the Lord – a people zealous of good works and shall set forth the praise of Him who hath called us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Martha S. Gould Clerk to the meeting this year.

1869
12mo

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 4th of 12th mo 1869.

Accounts have been received from all our Mo. Meetings, and the Representatives therein named to this meeting are
For Dartmouth. Lucretia Tucker, Hannah R. Sherman and Alice Wilbur.
Nantucket Mary S. Mitchell, Mary F. Austin and Elizabeth A. Hussey.
Westport Mercy Gifford and Joanna Baker.
New Bedford Judith Swift and Rhoda Kelley who being called are present, except one who was prevented from attending by bodily indisposition.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st, 2d and 10th from all our Monthly Meetings.

The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to visit Westport Monthly Meeting and extend such advice as may appear agreeable to the request of that meeting have performed the follow

ing report viz"

"To Sandwich Quarterly Meeting

Agreeably to our appointment we have visited West-
port Monthly Meeting and extended such labour
and advice therein as may opened for, in relation to
the reduced state of their meeting, as referred to in
their account; and we are united in recommending
the case to the further attention of the Quarterly
Meeting

On behalf of the Committee Francis Taber
Mary Davis."

and our Friends informing that they have continued
the Committee our under appointment to extend
further care in the case and report their judgment of
the state of that meeting to our next or a future meet-
ing, this meeting unites therewith and continues the
same Friends appointed at our last Quarter to
unite with them in the service

Our Friend Jamie Nathan Page attended this
meeting with a copy of a minute from Salem M^o
Meeting expressive of unity with his ministry and
present religious engagements his company and

gospel labours have been truly acceptable to us.

Men Friends inform that their meeting has come to the conclusion to annex such of the members of the late Sandwich Monthly Meeting as have not heretofore been disposed of to Nantucket Monthly Meeting with which this meeting unites — and the Clerk is directed to sign a minute expressive hereof, to be forwarded to Nantucket Monthly Meeting.

The business which has come before us being accomplished, we conclude — purposing to meet again if permitted, in the 4th mo next at this place.

Sarah S. Paddack Clerk.

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4th mo - Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 4th of 4th mo 1850.

Accounts have been recd from all our Monthly Meetings and the Representatives therein named, to this meeting are

For Dartmouth. Phebe Mayfield, Hannah R. Shearman and Sylvia R. Wilbur.

" Nantucket. Rachel Gardner, Mary Paddack and Mary Gardner.

Westport Joanna C. Baker and Mercy Gifford.

New Bedford Mary Ann Taber and Susan H. Smith.

who being called, are present except one.

The Assistant Clerk of this meeting being absent, the Representatives purpose Mary Ann Taber to that service, which being united with, she is appointed for the day. —

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings together with a Summary prepared therefrom, which is directed to be forwarded to our next Yearly Meeting by Judith Hall, Mary Gardner, Mehetabel Eddy, Mercy Gifford, Mary Paddock, Sylvia R. Wilbur, and Mary Ann Taber who

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are appointed to attend thereunto and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to visit Westport Monthly Meeting and render such advice as may opened for, have produced the following report viz

To Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.

"Agreeably with our appointment nearly all our members have attended Westport Monthly Meeting, and several times since our last Quarter, and have extended such labour and advice as may has opened for at the time, which we have reason to believe was well received, and after gathering what we could from the members of that meeting and deliberately weighing the subject, we are united in informing this Quarterly Meeting that we fear from their weak and dispersed condition they will not be able much longer to hold a Monthly Meeting — 4th of 4th mo 1850

Signed in behalf of the Committee Francis Taber

Rachel Gardner."

which having claimed the consideration of this meeting and new Friends having informed that they have continued the same Committee are under appointment with an addition to advise with Friends of that meeting;

and if in their judgment it may be best, or if the members of that meeting should request to be united to some other Monthly Meeting - that inquiry be made of such meeting whether the addition will be satisfactory to them - And the Committee are further authorized to procure a suitable place for the Monthly Meeting to be held in, until such change if any be made, and exhibit such other labour & care as may appear necessary — with which this meeting unites, and endorses the same Friends are under appointment for this meeting, with the addition of Mary Macy, Mary Paddock and Margaret Tabor, to join them in the service, and report their judgment as to what course may be best for this Meeting to pursue respecting it, to a future meeting.

The Clerk of this meeting is directed to sign a copy of a minute to be forwarded to our Friend Nathan Page who attended our last Quarterly Meeting, but not having accomplished his service in these parts was not then furnished with one.

The business of this meeting being brought to a close, we conclude — postponing to meet again if permitted in the 7th mo next at Smithfield.

Sarah T. Paddock Clerk

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4th mo — Summary.

1st. All our meetings for religious worship & discipline have been attended by the most of our members — the time nearly spent — Friends generally preserved from sleeping — few of them unbecoming behaviour —

2d — Love and Unity are maintained amongst us and detraction generally guarded against — no differences have come to our knowledge.

3d Friends are mostly careful to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel — to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and are exemplary therein themselves — we believe the Holy Scriptures are generally read in Friends families.

4th. In these points are generally complied in the several parts of this Query.

5th. The circumstances of the poor are duly inspected — their necessities relieved — and they assisted in such businesses as they are capable of — more labour and time among Friends.

6th. The Elders must furnish some kinds of families with the young and unmarried are cautioned not to proceed with respect to marriage be responsible to discipline.

7th. Elders Priests are enjoined to maintain an harmony faithfully with the several duties of this Day.

8th. Clear as far as appears.

9th Care is taken that no marriages with deaths and burials are duly recorded - some annually without certificates which are under notice.

10th. Care is taken to clear with some Members in a good degree as quarrels often - but we apprehend not with all so seasonably as would be best - endeavours are used to please judgment when thought necessary according to circumstances

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7mo Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket 4th of 7th mo 1850.

Accounts have been received from all our Monthly Meetings and the Representatives therein named. At this meeting are for Dartmouth Sarah M. Wilbur Mary Davis and Lucretia Tucker.
Nantucket Jemima Austin and Margaret Dingman
Westport Mercy Tuffts and Ruth Baker.
New Bedford Mehetabel Eddy and Susan H. Smith.
who being called are present except two, for whose absence satisfactory reasons have been assigned.

The time having expired for which the Clerks of this meeting were appointed the Representatives propose Sarah L. Paddack for Clerk and Mary S Mitchell for assistant, which being united with they are appointed to those services for the year ensuing —.

Our Beloved Friend Elizabeth Hall attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Berwick M: Mtg expressive of unity with her ministry and present religious engagement — her company and Gospel labours

have been truly acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

Answers to the 1st 2d and 10th Queries have been received from all our Monthly Meetings, and together with the Queries have been read in this meeting.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they all attended except one who was prevented from attending by sickness.

The Committee appointed to visit Westport Monthly Meeting and render such advice and assistance as may appear for, have produced the following report

To Saratoga Quarterly Meeting of Friends.

Agreeably with our appointment several of our number have attended Westport Monthly Meeting since our last Quarter which we believe has been satisfactory and we can inform that we have rendered the necessary assistance in providing a suitable place for the holding of their meetings. We can also inform that on the 5th mo last, that meeting came to a united conclusion to request to be

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annexed to Dartmouth Mo. Meeting, in consequence of which a part of our number have visited that Meeting and we can inform that it is united in consenting to the course if it meet the approbation of the Quarterly Meeting — and we are now united in recommending to the Quarterly Meeting a compliance with their request to be annexed.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

3d of 7th mo 1850 — Francis Taber

Rachel Gardner."

and also Friends having informed that they have accepted the report and are united in granting their request to be annexed to Dartmouth Monthly Meeting this Meeting unites therewith and appoints Rachel Gardner and Sarah S. Paddack to join a Committee from their Meeting in attending the Monthly Meeting of Westport and Dartmouth next occurring —

Having been favored to transact the business which has come before us in harmony under a grateful sense thereof — we conclude — favoring to meet again if permitted in the 10th mo next at this place

Sarah S. Paddack Clerk —

1850

10th mo At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Nantucket 3d of 10th month 1850.

Accounts have been received from all our Monthly Meetings and the Representatives there-in named to this meeting are

for Dartmouth Hannah R. Shearman, Sylvia R. Tilden, Mary Davis and Mary Ann Slade—

Nantucket Elizabeth Mitchell, Jedidah Coffin and Rachel Austin.

New Bedford Susan R. Smith and Mary Ann Taber, who being called are all present except 3—

The Queries have been read in this meeting with Answers to the 1st, 2d and 10th. from all our Mo. meetings.

The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to attend Westport Monthly Meeting and the united meeting to be held at Dartmouth have produced the following report viz "—

To Sandwich Quarterly Meeting ——

Agreeably with an appointment a part of our number attended Westport Monthly Meeting and

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the united meeting held at Dartmouth and we can inform that Westport Monthly Meeting has been dissolved in accordance with the judgment of the Quarterly Meeting and the members attached to Dartmouth Mo. Meeting and that the proper transfer of the books and papers has been made

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Francis Taber
Rachel Gardner

Dartmouth 23d 10th mo 1850 — which is satisfactory to this meeting and the Committee discharged from further service —

The business of this meeting being brought to a close we conclude — purposing to meet again if permitted in the 12th mo next at New Bedford.

Sarah S. Paddack Clerk.

1850
12 mo

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women friends held at New Bedford 5th of 12 mo 1850

Accounts have been received from all our Monthly Meetings, and the representatives therein named to this meeting are for Dartmouth Phebe Smith, Phebe Hatfield, Lucretia Tucker, Mary Gifford and Hannah Shearman, Sandwich Ruth Edge, Mary T. Austin and Jemima Austin, New Bedford Susan H. Smith and Mary Ann Tabor, who being called are all present.

The clerk of this meeting being absent Mary T. Austin is appointed to that service for the day, and Mary Ann Tabor as assistant

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first, second and tenth from all our Mo. Meetings

The business of this meeting being accomplished we conclude, — purposing to meet again if consistent with Divine will on fourth Inc. next at this place

Mary S. Mitchell
Clerk for the day

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June

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 3d of 4th mo 1851.

Accounts having been received from all our Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named to this Meeting are Sandwich Hannah R. Shearman, Olive Wilbur and Lucretia Tucker Nantucket Elizabeth Easton, Mary F. Austin and Elizabeth A. Hussey.—

New Bedford Rhoda Tilley and Susan H. Smith who being called are all present.—

The Assistant Clerk of this meeting being absent Judith Swift is appointed to that service for the day.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with Answers thereto from all our Mo. Meetings together with a Summary prepared therefrom which with an account approved and signed, are to be forwarded to our next yearly Meeting by Sylvia R. Wilbur, Mary Paddock Judith Swift, Mary Macy, Mary Ann Tabor and Alice Wilbur who are appointed to attend therewith and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.—

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4th mo Having been favored to transact the business which has come before us, in harmony - we conclude purposing to meet again if permitted in the 7th mo next at Nantucket.

Sarah. S. Paddock Clerk.

Summary.

Ans 1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been generally attended by the most of our members who remain with Friends, except at fu worship at Westport, owing to unpleasant weather and feble health of members - the hour nearly observed - Friends generally preserved from sleep and other unbecoming behaviour when assembled.

2d. Love and Unity are in a good degree maintained, and detraction generally guarded against we know of no differences.

3d. Friends are mostly careful to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world and endeav-

one to be exemplary therein themselves. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.—

4th. We believe friends are careful in the several parts of this Query.

5th. Generally clear in the several parts of this query.

6th. We believe most parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to Discipline.

7th. Most Friends are concerned to maintain our testimony faithfully in the several parts of this Query.

8th. Clear as far as we know.

9th Friends are attended to some removals without Certificates which are under notice.

10. Some care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in the manner given after and we endeavour to place judgment when thought necessary in the authority of Truth according to Discipline.—

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Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 3d of 7th mo 1851.

Accounts have been received from the several Monthly Meetings and the Representatives therein named to this Meeting are for
Dartmouth Sylvia R. Tillen, Mary Davis and Mary Booth.
For Sandwich Clarissa B. Coffin, Eliza C. Coffin and Mary Barnard.
for New Bedford Susan H. Smith & Mary Ann Taber who being called are all present.

The time having expired for which the Clerks of this meeting were appointed, the Representatives propose Sarah S. Paddack for Clerk and Judith Hall for assistant, — which being considered, is united with, and they appointed to their services for the year ensuing.

Answers to the 1st, 2d and 11th Queries have been received from all our Monthly Meetings and together with the Queries have been read in this Meeting.

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The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they all attended.

The business of this meeting being accomplished under, we trust a grateful sense of the mercies vouchsafed to us at this time - we conclude - purposing to meet again if permitted in the 10th month next at this place,

Signed S. Paddack Clerk.

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10 mo

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Nantucket 21 of 10 mo 1851.

Accounts have been received from all the Meetings and the Representatives therein named to attend this meeting are for

Dartmouth Sylvia R. Tilton Mary Davis and Elizabeth Mitchell.

Nantucket Eliza Russell Mary Gardner and Hepsibeth C. Hussey.

New Bedford Lydia T. Barnard and Mary Ann Tabor who being called are all present,

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10th mo

The Queries have been read in this meeting with Answers thereto from the several Monthly Meetings.

The business of this Meeting being accomplished, we conclude — proposing to meet again if permitted on the 12th mo next at New Bedford.

Sarah S Paddock Clerk.

1851
12mo

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 4th of 12 mo. 1851.

Accounts have been received from all our Monthly Meetings, and the Representatives therein named to this Meeting are for

Dartmouth Phebe Mayfield, Sylvia R. Wilbur and Mercy Gifford —

Nantucket Narcissa B. Coffin, Mary S. Mitchell and Lydia W. Coleman —

New Bedford Judith Swift, Rhoda Kelley, and Elizabeth H. Eddy. who being called are all present.

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12 mo

Our Beloved Friend Phebe Foster attended this meeting with a Copy of a minute from South Kingstown Mo. Meeting expressive of unity with her present religious engagement, her company and gospel labours have been truly acceptable to us at this time, but not having accomplished her prospect the subject is deferred to our next Quarterly Meeting.

~~Our Beloved Friends John Wilbur of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting and Nathan Page of~~

Our Beloved Friends, John Wilbur of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting and Nathan Page of Salem Monthly Meeting attended this meeting with copies of minutes from their Monthly Meetings respectively, expressive of unity with them in their present religious engagements, their company and Gospel labours have been truly acceptable to us.

Answers to the usual three Queries have been received from our several Monthly Meetings and together with the Queries have been read in this Meeting.

Having been favoured to transact the business which has come before us in harmony - we conclude

purposing to meet again if consistent with the Divine Will in the 4th mo next at this place.

Sarah S. Paddock Clerk –

4th mo 1852

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 4th Month 1st 1852.

The clerk of this meeting being absent Mary Ann Taber is appointed to that service for the day.

Accounts have been received from all our Mo Meetings and the representatives thereto named to this meeting are for Dartmouth. Mary Booth Sylvia B. Wilbur and Mercy Gifford. for Sandwich Mary Gardner. Phebe Folger and Susan G. Swain, for New Bedford Susan H. Smith and Lydia T. Barnard who being called are all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason has been assigned.

Our Beloved Friend Mary Hay, moved in this meeting to inspect which had for some time impressed her mind of making a religious visit to the meetings as they come in course, and the families as way may open, within the limits of Bucks and Philadelphia Quarterly Meetings as contained in a certificate granted by Southampton Monthly Meeting; after a time of deliberation much unity and sympathy was expressed in the matter, and she is left at liberty to pursue the prospect as truth may open the way, having the unity of our own friends herein and the clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

A proposition having been received at this time from Southampton Monthly Meeting, for the appointment of Eliza C. Heston to the station of elder, the sub-
ject

having obtained the weighty consideration of this meeting is united with having the concurrence of our men friends herein and Mary Macy is appointed to inform the Select Meeting thereof and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Men Friends inform that they have perused minutes on behalf of our Friends Jesse Hilton of Southampton Mo. meeting and Nathan Page of Salem Mon. meeting who attended our last Quarterly Meeting with certificates of unity from their respective monthly meetings, with which this Meeting unites and the clerk is directed to sign the same in conjunction with the clerk of men's meeting.

Our beloved Friend Phebe Foster from Southampton Monthly Meeting attended our last Quarterly Meeting with a certificate of unity with her religious engagements from that meeting, her company and Gospel labors were acceptable to us, and by accounts received from one of our

Meetings at this time it appears she has attended Meetings within its limits to good satisfaction. And the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

A Testimony of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting concerning our beloved friend Seth Davis, deceased, having been furnished by our men Friends, was read and being by united with by this Meeting. And the Clerk is left at liberty to sign it on this Meetings behalf in conjunction with the Clerk of men Meeting.

The Queries had been read in this Meeting with answers thereto and together with a summary prepared thereon, which with an account approved and signed are to be forwarded to our next Monthly Meeting by our Friends Rachel Gardner, Sylvia R. Wilbur, Alice C. Wilbur, Sydia H. Coleman, Mary Ann Tabor.

Judith Smith, Phebe Sedgwick, and Mary Davis, and they are requested to report their attendance at the next Quarterly meeting

The business of this meeting being accomplished we conclude purposeing to meet again if permitted in the 7th month next at Scantucket.

Henry Ann Tabor Clerk for the day

Summary's

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended by the most of our members we have mostly observed Friends mostly restrained from sleeping. Clear of unbecoming behaviour when assembled.

2d Love and unity have maintained amongst us, and detraction generally guarded against, no differences have come to our knowledge.

3d We believe Friends are mostly careful

to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and to employ them in the works best before the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.

4th Friends are cautioned to confine the use of spirituous liquors to medicinal purposes, and to guard against the numerous seducements of taverns and places of public resort, and to keep in true moderation and temperance on the occasions referred to.

5th Clear in the second part of the 5th query.

6th We believe Monthly Meetings and heads of families with the young and minors should be careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline.

7th Friends are concerned to maintain our testimony faithfully in the several parts of His Duties.

8th Clear in the several parts of His Duty so far as appears.

9th Care is taken that all marriages, births, deaths, and burials are duly recorded, Some removals with certificates which are under notice.

10th Some case has been taken to deal with offenders we have in the Meeting since yearly after, and we endeavour to steer judgment in the Authority of Truth according to our discipline.

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June 11

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket 11th of 6th mo 1852—

Accounts have been received from all our Monthly Meetings and the Representatives therein named to attend this Meeting are for Sandwich Sylvia C. Wilbur Hannah H. Thurman and Mary Davis—
For Nantucket Mary Gardner, Lydia W. Coleman and Eliza C. Coffin— for New Bedford Sylvia T. Barnard and Mary Ann Tabor, who being called are all present except Hannah H. Thurman.

The time having arrived for which the Clerk of this meeting was appointed the Representatives inform us that they have conferred together on the subject and report the names of Sarah S. Tallcot for Clerk and Mary Tallcot for assistant which being considered, is united with, and they appointed to those services for the year ensuing.

We have received Answers to the 1st, 2d and 7th Queries from our several monthly meetings, which together with the Queries have been read in this Meeting

We are informed through the medium of the acct from New Bedford Monthly Meeting that they have united with a proposition for the appointment of Sarah Tallcot to the

Station of an Elder, which after a time of solid deliberation is fully united with by this Meeting having the concurrence of our friends Jonas and Mary Lewis is appointed to inform the next Meeting thereof and report to the next Quarterly Meeting

Our Beloved Friend Mary Macy has at this time returned the copy of a minute granted her in 4th mo last with information that she has performed the visit as expressed in said minute to the peace and satisfaction of her own mind and produced Extracts from the minutes of Lynn and Nantucket Quarterly Meetings expressive of her having attended their meetings and visited them in their families to their comfort and edification, which having been read are satisfactory to this Meeting.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they were attended by Rachel Gardner and Phebe Folger who inform that they were prevented from attending by indisposition.

Mary Macy informs this meeting, that she has attended to her appointment in giving information to the last Meeting of the appointment of Elizabeth C. Coffin to the station of an Elder.—

We have received Extracts from the minutes of

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our last Yearly Meeting of Men Friends also an Essay of an Epistle addressed to the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings and individual members thereto belonging containing much excellent counsel and advice, which were read to our satisfaction

The business which has come before us having been accomplished in much unity, under a grateful sense thereof we conclude — purposing to meet again if consistent with the Divine Will in the 10th mo next at this Island —

Isaac T. Paddock Clerk —

1852
10th mo

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket 7th of 10th mo 1852.

Records have been received from all our Monthly Meetings and the Representatives therein named to attend this Meeting are

in Sandwich Phebe Maxfield, Sylvia R. Wilbur and Hannah R. Shearman

Nantucket Elizabeth A. Hussey, Mary Gardner and Lydia M. Hussey

New Bedford, Susan H. Smith and Mary Ann Taber who being called are accepted -

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with answers to the 1st 2d and 5th from our several Monthly Meetings

Our Beloved Friend Benjamin Tabor attended this meeting with a Certificate from Marlborough N.H. Monthly Meeting dated 9th Mo 11th and addressed to Sandwich Quarterly Meeting expressive of unity with his ministry and present religious engagement - his company and Gospel labours have been truly acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to sign a minute which may be presented to our Friends

expression of the same

Our Sister Annie Thur. B. Gardner attended this with a copy of a minute from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting expressive of unity with his ministry and pursuit religious engagement - his engagement being to have been truly acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to sign a minute which may perform expression of —

Mary Davis informs this meeting that she has attended to the appointment in giving information to the Select Meeting of the appointment & Friends sent to the Western part Ohio —

The business which has come before us being brought to a close we conclude — to meet again if permitted in the 12th mo next at ten O'Clock

Sarah S. Paddock Clerk —

1852

12th mo. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New-Bedford, 2nd of 12th mo. 1852.

The clerk, the meeting being at a stand, Judith Swift is appointed clerk and Hepsibeth C. Hilton assistant for the day.

Reports to have been received from all our Monthly Meetings, and the representatives thereto named are

for Dartmouth, Alice Wilbur, Mary Ann and Sylvia K. Wilbur,

Westport, Lydia H. Coleman, Hepsibeth C. Howard and Ruth Ann Taber,

New-Bedford, Susan Wilbur and Lydia A. Howard

who being called, are all present, except Alice Wilbur.

The queries have been read in this meeting with the answers to the first, second, and third, as read in Monthly Meetings.

Dear Friends inform, that they have
united with Portsmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of [illegible]
[illegible] to the station of elder, with
which they are united.

Also are informed that they have
united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of [illegible]
station to the station of elder with
which they are united.

Information received from our
dear friends that there are [illegible]
[illegible] to be sent to Rhode Island
Yearly Meeting on behalf of the united
Friends Association, and that
our dear friends [illegible]
[illegible] Monthly
Meeting, and the [illegible]
is directed to sign the same
on behalf of

The business for which [illegible]
this meeting [illegible]

as concluded, I perfect no to meet again if permitted, on the 4th month next at this place.

Judith Swift
Clerk for the day.

1853
4 mo

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 7th of 4th mo 1853.

Accounts have been received from all the Monthly Meetings and the Representatives therein named to attend this meeting are for Dartmouth Alice Wilbur, Sylvia S. Wilbur and Abigail Mitchell Nantucket Alice Mitchell, Mary Gardner and Eliza Russell

for New Bedford Sylvia T. Barnard and Mary Ann Taber who being called are present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with answers thereto from the several Monthly Meetings and a Summary prepared thereform, which with an account of time and place are to be forwarded to our next Yearly Meeting to be

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[illegible]

[illegible] Eddy. Hannah M. Shuman, Mary Ann, Sylvia [illegible] Milne and Mary Andrus who are appointed to attend thereunto and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

The business of this Meeting being brought to a close we united in a request that our Friend Samuel Underhill

Samuel S. Paddock Clerk —

Tuesday

[illegible] meetings for religious worship and discipline were performed to the satisfaction of the meeting the same is nearly observed — Friends mostly favored from sleeping — dress & other unbecoming Address

2d. Love and Unity are in a good degree maintained and Information wanted against no differences that we know of

3d Friends are recommended to keep up their care in planting of Fruit trees and orchards to return them from certain pernicious bugs and pern

the corrupt conversation of the world, and are exemplary themselves — we believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.

4th. Friends are cautioned to discourage the use of spirituous liquors to medicinal purposes, and to guard against the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort, and also to keep in true moderation and temperance on the occasions referred to.

5th The requisitions of this Query are attended to.

6th. We believe most parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to the Discipline

7th. Most Friends are concerned to maintain one to another faithfully in the several parts of this Query.

8th Friends are careful to regulate their affairs and settle their accounts, punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

7th. Recording attended to. Some removals without certificates which are under notice.

8th. Time occupied in dealing with Business in the morning meeting after, and to close judgment when necessary in the Authority of truth according to Discipline.

1853
7th mo

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 7th of 7th mo 1853.

Accounts have been received from our several Monthly Meetings, and the Representatives therein named to attend this Meeting are, viz

Dartmouth, Sylvia K. Tabor, Mary Bowl & Mary Davis
Sandwich, Hepsibeth C. Murray, Ruth Austin and Jemima Austin -
New Bedford, Mary Ann Tabor and Hannah P. Griffith.
whose names being called they are all present except Mary Ann Tabor and Hannah P. Griffith who are informed were prevented from attending by indisposition

The time having expired for which the Clerks of this meeting were appointed and the Representatives having informed that they have conferred together on the subject and are united in proposing the reappointment of Sarah S. Braddock as Clerk and Mary S. Mitchell as assistant, it is united with, and they are accordingly appointed to those services for the year ensuing.

Answers to the three Queries usually considered at this

have been received from the several Monthly Meetings, and together with the Queries have been read in this Meeting.

We are informed that all the Representatives to the Yearly Meeting attended with the exception of Mary Gardner, who informs that the situation of her family at the time, prevented her attendance.

The business which has come before this Meeting being accomplished, under a covering of solemnity we conclude — postponing to meet again if favoured on the 10th inst. at this Island.

Sarah S. Paddock Clerk.

1853
10th mo

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket 6th of 10th mo 1853.

Accounts have been received from all our Monthly Meetings and the Representatives therein named to attend this meeting are
for Dartmouth Hannah C. Rearman and Mary Davis — for Nantucket Rachel Austin and Phebe Folger. for New Bedford Lydia T. Barnard and Hannah P. Tiffany who being called are all present.

Answers to the 1st, 2d and 10th Queries have been received from our several Monthly Meetings and together with the Queries have been read in this meeting.

The business of this meeting being accomplished we conclude, proposing to meet again if permitted in the 12th mo next at New Bedford.

Sarah S. Paddack
Clerk.

1863
12th mo

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at New Bedford the 4th of 12th mo 1863.

Accounts have been received from all our Monthly Meetings, and the Representatives therein named to attend this meeting are, for Falmouth, Rhoda Mayfield, Elizabeth Mitchell and Sylvia R. Wilbur

Nantucket, Rhoda Folger, Mary Gardner and Mary S. Paddock.

New Bedford, Judith Swift and Susan Wilbur, who being called, are all present, except Rhoda Folger, whose acceptance was prevented from attending by indisposition in her family.

We have received answers to the 1st, 2d and 10th Queries from our several Monthly Meetings, which together with the Queries, have been read in this meeting.

Our Friend Hannah Mather Page attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Salem Monthly Meeting expressive of unity with his ministry and present religious engagement, his company

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12th mo

and Gospel labours have been truly acceptable to us at this time — but as his services within the limits of this meeting are not accomplished the subject is referred to our next Quarterly Meeting

The business which has come before us being accomplished, we conclude — purposing to meet again if consistent with the Divine Will in the 4th mo next at this place.

Isaac S. Badeaux Clerk.

1854
6th mo

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 6th of 6th mo 1854.

Queries have been read from all our Monthly Meetings and the Representatives have been invited to attend this meeting are, for Dartmouth Alice Wilbur Elizabeth H. Eddy and Mary Davis.

Sandwich Eliza Ann Easton, Elizabeth C. Kenny and Rebecca Folger.

New Bedford Judith Swift and Sylvia S. Barnard.

Whose names being called, they are all present except Rebecca Folger, for whose absence, a satisfactory reason has been assigned.

The assistant Clerk being absent, the Representatives propose the name of Sylvia S. Barnard, which being united with, she is accordingly appointed to that service for the day.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from our several Monthly Meetings, also Summary prepared thereon, which, with our second approved and signed are to be forwarded to our next Yearly Meeting by our friends Mary Macy Judith Swift, Mary Ann Eddy, Sylvia S. Wilbur.

1854
4th mo

Sarah L. Paddack and Alice Wilbur who are appointed to attend Yarmouth, and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Men Friends inform that they have united with New-Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Stephen Sharp to the station of Elder - with which, after a time of deliberation this meeting also unites

We are informed by men Friends that they have concluded to furnish an Friend Nathan Page who attended our last Quarterly Meeting; with a copy of our minute, with which this meeting unites, and the Clerk is left at liberty to sign the same in conjunction with the clerk of the men's meeting.

The business which has come before us at this time, being brought to a close - we conclude; Supposing to meet again, if permitted, on the 7th month next at Nantucket.

Sarah L. Paddack Clerk.

Summary

1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended by the most of our members, with the exception of four for worship at Little Compton which were not attended on account of sickness. The hour nearly observed — we believe friends are generally favoured from sleep, and other unbecoming behaviour when assembled.

2d. Love and unity we in a good degree maintained among us, and detraction generally guarded against. No differences appear among us.

3d. Friends are mostly careful to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and are generally exemplary therein themselves. We have the Holy Scriptures frequently read in friends families.

4th Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine, & the [illegible]

ing of taverns and places of public resort, and to keep in due moderation on account of births, marriages and on other occasions.

5th. The circumstances of the poor, and such as appear likely to need assistance, are duly inspected and their necessities relieved — their children partake of learning to fit them for business. Some placed from among Friends.

6th. We desire most parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to Discipline.

7th. Most Friends are concerned to maintain our testimony faithfully in the several parts of this Query.

8th. Clear as far as appears.

9th. Records are attended to. Some removals without certificate which are under notice.

10th The Elders Courts are concerned to deal with all offenders as grounds after, and to reduce judgment when necessary in the authority of truth, according to Discipline.

1854
7th mo

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Yarmouth 4th of 7th mo 1854.

Accounts have been received from our respective Monthly Meetings and the Representatives therein named to attend this meeting are, for

Falmouth, Mary Davis, Elizabeth H. Eddy and Sylvia R. Wilbur.

Yarmouth, Mary L. Paddock, Lydia G. Hussey and Eliza C. Coffin.

Nantucket, Mary Beard, Judith Swift and Mary Ann Taber who being called, are all present except Elizabeth H. Eddy, who was prevented from attending by indisposition

The time having expired for which the Clerks of this meeting were appointed, the Representatives inform that they have conferred together, and agreed to recommend the reappointment of Sarah L. Paddock as Clerk, and Mary L. Mitchell as assistant, which being considered, is united with, and they are appointed to these services for the year ensuing.

Our Beloved friend Mary L. Varney attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from the Ber-

with the Meeting of Friends held at North Berwick expressive of unity with their ministry and present religious engagement, our company has been truly acceptable to us at this time, but as her service within the limits of this meeting as not accomplished, the subject is referred to our next meeting.

We have received Answers to the three Queries usually considered at this time, from our several Monthly Meetings, which, together with the Queries, have been read in this meeting.

Sylvia R. Willis on behalf of the Representatives to the Yearly Meeting reports they all attended

We have received a transcript from Ohio-York Yearly Meeting of women Friends held at Poplar Ridge also extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting which have been read to the comfort and encouragement of many minds - and the Clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to our several Monthly Meetings.

We have been furnished by men Friends with the following extract from the minutes of their last Yearly Meeting respecting removals, which has been read and is refer-

7th mo 18th.

factory. Bey.

"The Committee appointed at a previous sitting to consider the subject of extending the minute of 1852 have recommended the adoption of the following. It is the sense and judgment of this meeting that so much of the minute adopted in the year 1852 as relate to removals, be extended, and its benefits applied to such sound and consistent Friends as may remove into any Monthly Meeting which is a branch of either Rhode Island, Salem & Dover or Sandwich Quarterly Meetings; from within the limits of other Yearly Meetings, on their making application to such Monthly Meeting, and producing such evidence of their right of membership, and the settlement of their outward affairs, as is required in said minute."

"Which having been read, was approved, the women meeting uniting therein and the Clerk is directed to forward a copy thereof to our several Quarterly Meetings."

Extracted from the minutes and signed by direction and in behalf of the meeting, by

Peleg Mitchell Clerk this year.

The business of this meeting being brought to a close under a grateful sense of the mercies vouchsafed to us

at this time, we conclude, pro tem, to meet again if consistent with the Divine will on the 10th inst next at this place.

Sarah S. Paddock Clerk.

At an Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England held at Rhuport on Rhode Island by adjournment from the 12th of the 6th mo to the 14th of the same inclusive 1854.

In consideration of the importance of rightly conducting the affairs of the Church, our minds have been humbled under a sense of our weakness and utter insufficiency of ourselves, to do any thing that will advance the cause of Truth, or redound to the Glory of the Great Head of the Church, and the Query of our hearts has been "By whom shall Jacob arise?"

At the same time we are bound to acknowledge that He, who has promised to be "strength in weakness, riches in poverty and a present help in the needful time" has not been unmindful of us, but has, through the extension of His love, and of His mercy, manifested himself by the breaking of a little bread among us, by which we have been refreshed and encouraged, to come with the help of the Lord, to the help of the

Lord against the mighty."

While our minds have been saddened by being again reminded that the "Fathers and Mothers are fast passing away" much gratitude has been expressed for the ~~aged~~ aged, and they have been encouraged to greater dedication of heart; that so there may be found those among them, qualified for faithful standard-bearers, when "those who have borne the burden and heat of the day" shall have passed from our sorrowful wards, and that instead of the fathers may be the sons, and instead of the mothers the daughters.

A burden rests on the minds of friends, that Mothers may be especially engaged to fulfil their duties to their tender children, to train them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and although they may not see any present fruit from their labours, they are encouraged to trust that it will not be altogether in vain, but be "as bread cast upon the waters, found after many days."

Much concern has been expressed for the dear youth, and they have been tenderly and earnestly invited to give up in the morning of their days to serve the Lord, who in every act of dedication pile most assuredly rewards, and will, as He is looked unto for help, "make

"hard things easy, and bitter things sweet to their taste."

The uncertainty of time has been feelingly brought to their view, and desires implanted that they may so hearken to the counsels & duly as to lay aside every weight, and centre down to the virtues for God in their own minds, that so, their adorning may not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, & wearing of gold, and putting on of apparel, but that it may be the hidden man of the heart in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."

Our meeting has been introduced into suffering on account of some of our members having given their support to some of the wages, inasmuch as to attend meetings where there has been an hireling ministry, and much concern has prevailed that none should be unmindful of the sufferings of our early friends, as to fail to support any of those precious testimonies which they felt called upon to bear, and for which some of them laid down their lives.

We have been enabled to transact the business which has come before us in much harmony, and our dear absent friends have been from time to time feelingly brought to our remembrance, and desires have

here counsel that they with us may persevere in the line of required duty, that thereby we may know an increase of strength, and finally receive "the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls."

Extracted from the minutes of the meeting aforesaid by Sarah S. Paddock Clerk to the meeting this year.

1854
10th mo

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Sandwich the 5th of 10th mo 1854.

Accounts have been received from our respective Monthly Meetings and the Representatives thereof named to attend this meeting are for Dartmouth Sylvia B. Wilbur & Mary B. Borth

" Dartmouth Rachel Wilbur, Sylvia Allmond and Mary L. Paddock.

New Bedford Judith Swift, Hannah P. Gifford and Mary Ann Tabor, whose names being called they are all present, with the exception of Mary Borth.

Answers to the 1st, 2d and 10th Queries have been received from our several Monthly Meetings, and together with the Queries, have been read in this meeting.

Our beloved friend John Wilbur attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from South Kingstown Monthly Meeting expressive of unity with his ministry and present religious engagement. His company and labors have been truly acceptable at this time.

Our beloved Friend Mary S. Varney attended our last Quarterly Meeting with a copy of a minute from Berwick Monthly Meeting of Friends, in which her company was truly acceptable to us, we are also informed that she subsequently ~~visited~~ attended the most of the meetings composing this, in which her company and Gospel labours were satisfactory to Friends, and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

The business of this meeting being accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet again if permitted in the 12th mo next at New Bedford

Sarah S. Paddock Clerk.

At Dunbarton Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Boston 11th of 12th mo 1854.

Accounts have been received from the respective Monthly Meetings and the Representatives named to attend this meeting are for Dunbarton Hannah M. Stevens, Elizabeth H. Eddy and Alice Wilbur

Pembroke Lydia G. Hussey, Alice Chesbro and Elizabeth A. Hussey.

New Boston Mehetable Eddy and Susan Wilbur whose names being called they are all present, with the exception of Elizabeth A. Hussey.

Our beloved friend Nathan Page attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends expressing unity with his ministry and present religious engagement, his company and Gospel labours have been very satisfactory to us at this time.

Answers to the first, second and tenth Queries have been received from the several Monthly Meetings, and together with the Queries have been read in this meeting.

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We are informed by our Friends that by request of our Bedford Monthly Meeting, they have concluded to alter the bounds between that and Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, so that our friend Stephen Wing and family, who are now members of New Bedford Monthly Meeting but residing in Dartmouth may still remain members of New Bedford Monthly Meeting — with which this meeting unites.

New Friends inform that they have forwarded a minute to South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in behalf of our friend John Hillen who attended our last Quarterly Meeting with a minute of concurrence from that meeting — and the Clerk of this meeting is directed to sign the same on their behalf.

The business which has come before us at this time being accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet again, if permitted, in the fourth month next at this place.

Sarah S. Paddack Clerk.

1855
4th mo

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 5th of 4th mo 1855.

Accounts have been received from our respective Monthly Meetings and the Representatives therein named to attend this meeting are for Dartmouth Sylvia B. Wilbur, Alice Wilbur and Mary Davis

Nantucket Lydia W. Coleman, Mary Gardner and Lydia Munroe.

New Bedford Judith Swift, Mehetabel Eddy and Lydia T. Barnard whose names being called they are all present.

The Assistant Clerk of this meeting being absent, Mary Ann Taber is appointed to that service for the day.

The Queries have been read, with Answers thereto from our several Monthly Meetings, also a Summary prepared thereform, which with an Account approved and signed, are to be forwarded to our next

Yearly Meeting by our Friends Sarah S. Paddock, Judith Knight, Nancy Gifford, Mary Gardner Mary Davis and Sylvia R. Wilbur who are appointed to attend thereto, and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Men Friends inform that they have prepared a minute to Salem Monthly Meeting on behalf of our Friend Nathan Page who attended our last Quarterly Meeting with a copy of a minute from that meeting with which this meeting unites and the Clerk is left at liberty to sign the same on behalf hereof.

The business which has come before us being brought to a close, we conclude to meet again if consistent with the Divine Will in the Seventh month next at Vanwickets.

Sarah S. Paddock Clerk.

Summary.

Ans 1st.

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, and the most of them by the greater part of our members. yet there is a remissness in the attendance of our midweek meetings apparent, for which due care has been extended — the hour is nearly observed — Friends are generally preserved from sleeping — clear of their unbecoming behaviour.

2d. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained and detraction generally guarded against — no differences have come to our knowledge.

3d. Most Friends are careful to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from the corrupt conversation of the world and are generally exemplary herein themselves. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.

4th. Friends are carefull to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine, the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort, and to keep in true moderation and temperance on account of births marriages and on other occasions.

5th. The circumstances of the Poor are inspected and their necessities relieved, their children partake of learning to fit them for business — and placed from among Friends.

6th. We believe most parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are carefull that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to Discipline.

7th. That Friends are concerned to maintain our testimony faithfully in the different parts of this Query.

8th. We know not but Friends are carefull to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to be

punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th. Care is taken that all our marriages births, deaths and burials are duly recorded since removals without certificates which are under notice.

10th. We [illegible] Friends are concerned to deal with offenders in the manner queried after, and to place judgment in the Authority of Truth according to Discipline.

7th mo
1855

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Nantucket 5th of 7th mo 1855.

Accounts have been received from the several Monthly Meetings and the Representatives there named to attend this meeting, are by Dartmouth Sylvia R. Wilbur and Mary A. Tucker.

Nantucket Lydia Mumford, Alice Mitchell and Olivia C. Coffin.

New Bedford Lydia T. Barnard and Mary Almira, whose names being called, they are all present.

Sylvia R. Wilbur on behalf of the Representatives, informs that most of their number had conferred together, and were united in proposing the reappointment of Sarah L. Haddock as Clerk, and Mary A. Mitchell as assistant, which being considered, is united with, and they are accordingly appointed to those services for the year ensuing.

We are informed that all the Representatives to this Yearly Meeting attend.

ded with the exception of Mary Davis and Judith Swift who were prevented from attending by sickness.

We have at this time the company of our beloved friends Blase Purnton and Amos Battey who produced certificates from Starksboro Monthly Meeting endorsed by Fernsburg Quarterly Meeting expressive of their unity with their ministry and present religious engagement — their company and Gospel labours have been truly acceptable. But as their services within this Quarterly Meeting are not accomplished, the subject of furnishing them with returning minutes is deferred to the next Quarterly Meeting.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends Ruth K. Purnton and Ruth Battey who accompany their husbands and have also produced satisfactory minutes from the same Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity with their present engagement.

We have received Answers to the three Queries usually

consideration at this time, from our respective Monthly Meetings, which together with the Queries have been read in this meeting.

We have received Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, also a transcript of an Epistle from the Spark Yearly Meeting of women Friends, held at Friends Ridge Cayuga County, which have been read to our comfort and encouragement, and the Clerk is united to forward copies thereof to our several Monthly Meetings.

The business of this meeting being accomplished, under a grateful sense of the mercies conferred upon us at this time, we conclude — purposing to meet again if permitted in the tenth month next at this place.

Sarah S. Paddock Clerk.

Extracts.

At our Yearly Meeting of women Friends held at Rahway in Rhode Island for New England by adjournments from the tenth of the ninth

month to the thirteenth of the same inclusive
1855.

Having been made renewedly sensible at this time of our entire dependence on the Great Head of the Church, — that it is only as we abide in Christ the living Vine, that we can bring forth any fruit to His praise; — we are constrained to acknowledge that He has not been unmindful of us, during this our annual assembly, but that He has condescended in the riches of His love, to break among us the bread of life, to feed us, as with a crumb from His all-bountiful table, to the refreshing of our souls whereby we have been enabled to dispose of the various concerns which have come before us and bring them to a satisfactory result.

A concern has prevailed, that we might so centre down individually, to the exercise of our own minds, as to witness a preparation for the performance of every work and service in the Church to which we may be called, and to experience a filling up of our ranks in Righteousness — and fervent desires have been raised that we might become

a passive clay in the Heavenly potter's hand, willing to be formed into just such vessels as He saw meet fitted and prepared for the Redeemer's kingdom.

And while we sensibly feel the absence of some of our dear sisters, who have usually mingled with us, in our annual assemblies, and been partakers with us, in the sweet exercises of the meeting, who are now prevented from attending by sickness, and miss their humble spirit; yet we are comforted in the remembrance of the gracious promise left us on record, that "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I, in the midst of them," and strengthened to believe, that although our meeting is not so large as on some former occasions, we have known something of this promise verified amongst us.

A concern has also been expressed that we might keep in remembrance the ground on which our yearly meeting was established, and that this, as well as all our meetings for discipline, might be held, as was said by that eminent father in the truth, George Fox, "in the power of God."

That our younger sisters might be encouraged to give heed to the slightest intimations of that seed, which if suffered to rise into dominion, would regulate and bring all our actions under subjection to the yoke of Christ, and they were affectionately entreated to leave all the fascinating things of time and sense, that instead of being conformed to the fashions, customs and maxims of this world, they would then become qualified, when the fetters and mothers are removed from sinks to rewards, to come forward to take their places.

We then, might hope to realize the ancient declaration, that the church would yet come up out of the wilderness, "clear as the sun, fair as the moon and terrible as an army with banners!"

While we have been immediate partakers in these solemnities, our absent sisters have been brought very near to our best feelings, sensible that they are the objects of the same Heavenly regard, fervent desires have been raised, that they with us may be invited to faithfulness and dedication in the performance of every religious

duty owned in the end gathered to the true folde.

Signed on behalf of the meeting afore-
said by Sarah S. Randall

Clerk to the meeting this year

10th mo
15.th

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Nantucket 4th of 10th mo 1855.

Vacants have been received from the several Monthly Meetings and the Representatives thereto named to attend this meeting are

for Dartmouth Mary Davis and Mary S. Tucker
Nantucket Mary Gardner, Lydia G. Hussey and Eliza Ann Easton
New Bedford Judith Swift and Mary Ann Parker

whose names being called, they are all present.

Answers to the first, second and tenth queries have been received from the respective Monthly Meetings, and together with the Queries have been read in this meeting.

Our beloved friend Ruth H. Prentice attended our last Quarterly Meeting and most of the meetings composing it as companion of her husband Chase Prentice, and produced a satisfactory minute from Hartshorne Monthly Meeting expressive of her being a member of that meeting and their

unity with her present engagement, in which her company has been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to forward to that meeting a copy of this minute.

Our beloved Friend Ruth Batley also attended our last Quarterly Meeting and most of the meetings composing it, as companion of her husband Amos Batley, and produced a satisfactory minute from the same monthly meeting, expressive of ~~their~~ her being an elder in unity with them, and their unity with her present engagement, her company was also very acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to forward to that meeting a copy of this minute.

Our Friends informed that they have prepared minutes to present to this Meeting on behalf of our beloved Friends Chase Winslow and Amos Batley who attended our last Quarterly Meeting and most of the meetings composing it — and the Clerk of this meeting is directed to sign the same in conjunction with the Clerk of the men's.

The business which has come before us

1854
11mo

being accomplished — we conclude — purposing to meet again if permitted in the 12th month next at New Bedford.

Sarah S. Paddock Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at New Bedford 6th of 12th mo 1855.

Accounts have been received from our respective Monthly Meetings and the Representatives therein named to this meeting are,

for Falmouth & Vineyard Austin & Olive Wilbur

" Sandwich Rachel Gardner, Mary Wilbur and Hepsibeth C. Hussey.

" New Bedford, Cornelia C. Eddy and Judith Swift, whose names being called, they are all present with the exception of Mary Wilbur.

The Assistant Clerk of this meeting being absent, Hepsibeth C. Hussey

1855
2 mo.

[illegible] appointed Verbal service for the day.

We have now Answers to the first, second and tenth Queries from our several Monthly Meetings, which together with the Queries, have been read at this time.

The business which has been before this meeting being brought to a close, we conclude, purposing to meet again if permitted, in the fourth month next at this place.

Signed J. Paddock Clerk

3d. Most friends are careful to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world and in generally everything that is unbecoming. We believe the Holy Scriptures frequently read in friends families.

4th. Most friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine, the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort and to keep in true moderation and temperance on account of births, marriages, and on other occasions.

5th. The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved — their children partake of learning to fit them for business — some placed from among friends.

6th. We believe most parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline.

7th. Funds are generally careful in the remittance of this Duty.

8th. The Banks and Trust Companies are careful to misrepresent their affairs, and their accounts to be punctual in their payments, just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th. Care is taken that all the marriages, births, deaths and burials are duly recorded. Some removals without certificates which are under notice.

10th. Some care has been taken to draw to the Trustees in the manner you mention after, but we believe not so seasonably with all as could be wished.

No instance of placing judgment against the last account.

7th mo 1856

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Nantucket 3d of 7th mo 1856.

Accounts have been received from our several Monthly Meetings and the Representatives therein named to attend this meeting are, for Dartmouth Mary Davis, Mary S. Tucker and Sylvia R. Wilbur for Nantucket Ann Barney, Jemima Austin and Alice Mitchell, New Bedford Lydia T. Barnard and Mary Ann Tucker; whose names being called, they are all present.

The time having expired for which the clerks of this meeting were appointed, the Representatives propose the names of Sarah S. Paddock and Mary S. Mitchell to serve as clerks for the day, which being considered is united with, and they appointed to the service.

The Friends appointed to attend the Yearly Mtg as Representatives report, they all attended.

Our beloved Friend Lydia Hallock attended this meeting with satisfactory certificates from Hector

monthly and Select Quarterly meetings of Friends
State of New York, expressive of their unity with her
ministry and prospect of religious service amongst us;
her company and Gospel labours have been truly
comforting and refreshing to us — and the Clerk is
directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

We have also the company of our beloved friend
Sarah B. Bowerman who produced a satisfactory cer-
tificate from Hester Monthly meeting expressive of
her being an Elder approved among them, and of their
unity with her prospect of accompanying our friend
Lydia Hallock in her proposed visit amongst us —
her company is very satisfactory to us, and the
Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute

We have also at this time the company of our
beloved friend David Heston Jr. — with satisfactory cer-
tificates from Nottingham and Little Britain Monthly
Meeting and Nottingham Quarterly Meetings, Maryland
expressive of their unity with his ministry and prospect
of service within our limits — his company and
Gospel labours have been comforting and encouraging

to us — as also the company of our beloved friend William Waring who is in attendance at this time as companion of our friend David Heston jr — and who also produced a satisfactory certificate from Nottingham and Little Britain Mo Meeting Maryland expressive of his being an Elder approved among them and their unity with his prospect of accompanying our friend in his proposed visit amongst us, his company has been truly acceptable to us — and the clerk is left at liberty to sign returning minutes which may be prepared by our friends on their behalf in conjunction with the minutes of this meeting.

We have received answers to the 1st, 2d and 10th Queries from all our monthly meetings, which together with the Queries have been read in this meeting

After a time of deliberation, this meeting concurs with the men's, in uniting with Rancocas Mo Meeting in discouraging the public appearances in the ministry of Christopher C. Hussey.

Extracts from the minutes of our last yearly Mtg

7 mo 1856

have been received and read at this time to our satisfaction, and the clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to our several monthly meetings.

The business of this meeting being accomplished, under a grateful sense of the mercies conferred upon us at this time — we conclude — purposing to meet again if permitted on the tenth month next at this place.

Sarah S. Paddock clerk for the day.

Extracts

During the sittings of this yearly meeting our dear absent sisters have been brought to our remembrance with desires for their, as well as our preservation and establishment in the unchangeable truth, and under the influence thereof, we forward the following Extracts from the minutes, embracing some of the exercises of the meeting — In view of our stripped and peeled condition and the many deficiencies existing amongst us, our minds have been deeply ~~[illegible]~~ exercised, and the language of some of our hearts has been, "Spare thy people O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach!" The

present has been a season of deep abasedness with some of us, "a day of clouds and thick darkness," and we have been made reverently sensible that unless the Light of the Lord shine round about our tabernacle, we cannot journey forward, or do any thing that will advance the cause of Truth, — and an earnest solicitude has prevailed that we might individually come down in the spirit of our minds to the only source of help; that we may know Him to be our Leader and Director, that in all things may be done to His honour.

While the state of Society was under consideration the necessity of Friends "living within the bounds of their circumstances," was livingly brought to view, and a desire expressed that we might so centre down to the Witness within, as clearly to understand the true meaning of living within the bounds of our circumstances, living as becomes the children of God.

Much tender solicitude has been felt for the dear youth, and they have been affectionately entreated to forsake all the vanities of a vain world, (which perish with the using) and follow a Crucified and risen Lord in the way of his requirings, to be careful that the

touches of Divine Love on the mind may not be dissipated by light conversation, but being abode under, a living exercise for an acquaintance with the Truth, which can only be of, and from the Truth itself, may be raised, that thereby they may be fitted and prepared "come forth to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty" — that so there may be a succession of standard bearers in the Church Militant.

Mothers were affectionately encouraged to enter into a close examination, and see whether they had fully discharged the duties of their responsible station in restraining the dear offspring committed to their charge, and they were reminded of the judgments permitted to fall upon Eli, (on account of the departure of his children from the path of virtue) — because he "restrained them not."

A memorial of Rhode Island monthly meeting concerning our late beloved friend Thomas B. Gould, has been read at this time — during the reading and subsequently thereto, great solemnity prevailed over the meeting, under which many minds were tendered, and several weighty testimonies were also borne amongst us, we believe in the power and authority of Truth.

7mo. 1856

Several dear Friends from other Yearly meetings are at this time in attendance, whose company and Gospel labours have been truly acceptable and edifying to us — Notwithstanding it has been a time wherein we have been deeply humbled under a sense of our backslidings, we have gratefully to commemorate the goodness of our Heavenly Father in that, He has been pleased in the riches of His love to break among us the Bread of Life to the refreshing of our souls, and enabling us to dispose of the various concerns which have come before us in harmony, for which we desire to ascribe all the praise to His great and excellent name; and with gratitude therefor — we conclude, purposing to meet again on this Island at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Extracted from the minutes of our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England held at Newport on Rhode Island from the 15th of the 6th mo to the 18th of the same inclusive 1856.

Sarah S. Paddack clerk to the meeting this year.

10 Mo 1856

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 2d of 10 mo. 1856

Accounts have been rec'd from all our several Mo. meetings, and the representatives therein named are for Dartmouth - Alice Wilbur and Mary Tucker for Sandwich Narcissa B. Coffin - Alice Mitchell and Mary F. Austin, New Bedford Judith Swift and Mary Ann Jaber whose names being called are all present

The time having expired for which the Clerk of this meeting was appointed the representatives propose the names of Mary F. Mitchell for Clerk and Mary Ann Jaber for assistant, which being considered are united with, and they are accordingly appointed to these services for the year Ensuing

10 mo 1856

Our beloved friend Timothy Kenney attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Berwick Mo. Meeting of Friends, expressive of his being a minister in unity with them, his company and gospel labours have been truly acceptable to us at this time

The Queries have been read in this meeting with and to the 1st 2d and 10th from our Mo. Meetings

A transcript of an Epistle from New York yearly Meeting, held at Poplar-Ridge and one from Baltimore yearly Meeting held at Baltimore for the meeting Shire of Maryland Virginia and the adjacent parts of Pennsylvania was been rec'd and read to our encouragement and satisfaction, and the clerk is directed to furnish copies thereof to our several Monthly meeting

The business of this meeting being accomplished, we conclude proposing to meet again at our meeting of ministers & Elders in 12 mo. next at New Bedford

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at New Bedford 4 of 12 Mo. 1856

Accounts have been received from our several monthly Meetings, and the Representatives therein named are, for Dartmouth Elizabeth H. Eddy, Mary S. Tucker, and Mary Davis, for Hartsbuket Mary S. Mitchell, Lydia W. Coleman and Narcissa B. Coffin, New Bedford Susan Wilbur, and Judith Swift whose names being called are all present

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with answers to the 1st 2d and 10th from all our Monthly Meetings.

We have at this time the company of our beloved friend Nathan Page, who produced a copy of a minute from Salem Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity with his Ministry and present religious engagements, his company and gospel labors have been truly

acceptable to us, but as his services are not accomplished the subject of furnishing him with a returning minute is deferred to our next Quarterly Meeting.

The business of this meeting being accomplished we conclude, purposing to meet again if permitted in 4th Mo next at this place.

Mary L. Mitchell
Clerk.

4 mo 1857

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 2d of 4th mo 1857

Accounts have been rec'd from our several Monthly Meetings and the representatives thereto named to attend this meeting are for Dartmouth Anna H. Luce, Mary Borth & Phebe Mayfield, Nantucky Mary Gardner, Mary F. Easton and Mary C. Mitchell, for New Bedford Judith Swift and Lydia H. Barnard whose names being called are all present

The queries have been read in this meeting and there from all our Monthly Meetings, together with a Summary prepared thereupon, which with an Epistle to the Yearly Meeting are to be forwarded by our Friends Phebe Mayfield, Mary Davis Rachel Gardner, Mary Gardner, Mary Easton, Judith Swift and Mary H. Shoemaker who are hereby appointed to attend the

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and report at our next Quarterly Meeting.

Information is rec'd from the Men's Mee. that they have concluded to furnish our friend Nathan Page (who attended our last Quarterly Mee.,) with a copy of a minute, on the which this meeting unites and the Clerk is left at liberty to sign the same, in conjunction with the Men's Clerk.

The business of this meeting being accomplished we conclude, purposing to meet again if consistent with Divine Will, in 7 mo. next at Nantucket.

Mary F. Mitchell
Clerk

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Summary

Ans 1st. In one monthly meeting 5 of the meetings were sustained on account of indisposition and inclement weather, while most of the others have been attended by a considerable portion of our members, yet there are some that have wholly neglected this important duty at the ensuing times.

Friends are mostly preserved from disorderly, clear of other unbecoming behaviour.

2d. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained and detraction generally guarded against, no differences have come to our knowledge.

3d. We believe most friends are concerned to keep up their care in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, to restrain them from vain and superfluous customs and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and are generally exemplary therein themselves; and that the duty

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Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families

4th — That Friends are careful to avoid the use of Spirituous liquors except for medicine, the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort, and to keep in true moderation and temperance on account of births, marriages and on other occasions

5th — The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved that children partake of learning to fit them for business, more placed from among friends.

6th — We believe parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to Discipline

7th — Friends are generally careful in the several parts of this query

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8th " We know not but Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to be punctual in their promises just in the payment of their debts, and are exercised to live within the bounds of their circumstances

9th " Friends are careful to have all their marriages, births, deaths, and burials duly recorded. Not entirely clear as to burials

10th " A. jar rests on the mind of some Friends that there is not sufficient care taken to deal with offenders as directed by Gospel order. Where judgement has been rightly placed, we trust in the authority of truth according to discipline

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 2d of 7 mo 1857

Having been informed that Women Friends Monthly Meetings and the representatives thereto invited to attend this meeting are for Dartmouth, Mary Booth, Mary P. Tucker and Elizabeth H. Ashley, Sandwich, Mary F. Austin, Alice Nichols and Eliza Ann Easton, N. Bedford, Sidia H. Barnard and Mary Ann Tabor, these names being called no one present but one for whose attendance a satisfactory reason is assigned.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they all attended

Our Esteemed Friend Eunice Hunter attended this meeting with a certificate from Penn and Sunsbury Mo. Meeting and Sunsbury Quarterly Meeting of Friends, she being a minister in unity

with them, and of their approval & their
[illegible] present religious engagement, his
company and gospel labours have been accep-
table to us, and the Clerk is directed to
furnish him with a copy of this minute

Our Esteemed Friend David S Reynolds
attended this meeting with a certificate
from Penn Quarterly Meeting held in 6th
by Jonathan Evans, expressive of his unity
& concurrence in society with them, and of his
approval of his present and present religious
engagement, His company and gospel
services have been acceptable to us, and the
Clerk is directed to forward such a minute as
our dear friends Can for with him with

The minutes have been read in this meeting
with entries to the 1st Day of 10th month
last Monthly Meetings

The [illegible] read from the minutes
of our last yearly meeting, together with

Examples of Epistles from New York Yearly Meeting held at Poplar Ridge and Baltimore Yearly Meeting held at Nothingham which have been read to our comfort and encouragement, and the clerk is united to forward copies thereof to our several Monthly Meetings

The business of this meeting being brought to a close, under a sense of Divine favor we conclude, purposing to meet again if permitted in 1869. Next at this place

From our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England, held at Newport on Rhode Island from the 14th of the 6th month to the 17th of the same inclusive 1868.

Gathered again in a Yearly Meeting capacity and our dear absent friends being brought to our minds, with desires that they might in a measure participate with us in some of the refreshing seasons with which we have

been manifestly favored; we have been constrained "to gather up the fragments" for our mutual comfort and edification, and while we have been introduced into sadness, on account of still existing deficiences amongst us, we have been mercifully comforted in the belief that we are not forsaken by the Great Head of the Church.

A lively concern has prevailed that we "Be not conformed to this world, but transformed by the renewing of our minds, that we may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God;" that we may keep our habitation in the Truth; and the language has been sounded among us, "Strengthen the cords, and lengthen the stakes, Oh, Israel, God is thy tent" with the expressed belief, that now we do repair each to our tent, that no divination or enchantment

would be suffered to prevail against us.
The beloved mothers have been earnestly entreated to watch over their tender offspring, and to endeavor to guard them from the many temptations incident to the slippery paths of youth, and thus have been reminded of the necessity of seeking from Him who is the inexhaustible Fountain of Wisdom and Knowledge, for such support of spiritual strength that when their children ask for bread they may not give them a stone" but having bread in their houses and water in their cisterns be enabled to hand it forth to them and by their counsel and advice encourage them to cooperate with that spirit, which if suffered to have its abode in their hearts will remove thence all that the Lords spirit has a controversy with,

a sweet ancient has been opened
for the dear youth, with an earnest
solicitude that they may be
kept awake to the yoke of Christ,
renouncing the vanities and pleas-
ures of a sinful world, and taking
up their daily cross, follow Him
who hath said "My sheep hear
my voice and follow me, but the
voice of a stranger will they not
follow;" and as thus they would
be prepared to come forth and
fill the places of those who must
ere long be called from works to
rewards, and the solemn question
opened to us if they were to live
again, they would be made to
acknowledge that "One day in the
courts is better than a thousand."
They have been impressively re-
minded of the great danger we
delaying so important a work as
the salvation of their souls, and

the awfulness of that state has been alluded to, wherein the Lord should cease to strive with them by his Spirit; and a fear has seemed to prevail that the gracious invitation of a compassionate Saviour will not be many times repeated to some, but unless they do submit to the requisitions of this Divine Master, others will be called in to take their places, and "the hedge broken down" from around those, who, had they been faithful might have been bringers of renown in the house of the Lord.

Lively and instructive memorials from South Kingston Mo. Mtg, concerning our beloved Friends John & Lydia Tibbo & Thomas Tobin, deceased, were produced & read to our edification and satisfaction, and the same was ordered to be

record. "Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like his", and as this can only be attainable, by living the life of the righteous, we would encourage one all to press forward in the heavenly way of holiness, that when it may be said "Give and give up your Stewardship" we may render up our account with joy, having a well grounded hope, that through the merits of our Blessed God, there is laid up for us a crown of righteousness.

Whilst labouring we met together at this time under feelings of great poverty, we have to acknowledge that through the merciful condescension of our Holy Head, we have been favored to have all the weighty concerns which have come before us in sweet harmony, and with feelings of

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thank[illegible] & then for conclude,
purposing to meet again on
this Island in the 6th Mo. next
if consistent with Divine Will.

Extracted from the minutes
of the meeting aforesaid
Sarah G. Paddack
Clerk to the meeting this year.

Woodwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Falmouth 4th of 10th mo 1857

Minutes have been received from the several Mo. Meetings and the representatives named to attend the meeting were for Falmouth Elizabeth C. Ellis and Isaac Hilton. Sandwich Lydia H. Hussey Alice Mitchell and Martha G. Hussey for New Bedford Dartmouth Swift and Rochester the above names being called were present except Elizabeth H. Ellis who sent her minute being called accepted

The time having expired for which the clerks of this meeting was appointed, Alice Hilton on behalf of the representatives proposed Mary L. Mitchell for clerk and Mary Ann Tobey for assistant, which being united with they are appointed to that service for the year ensuing

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10 mo.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with answers to the 1st 2d and 11 from all our Monthly Meetings

The business of this meeting being accomplished we conclude, purposing to meet again if consistent with Divine Will in 12 mo. next at New Bedford

Mary A Mitchell Clerk

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women friends held at New Bedford 1st of 4th mo 1858

Accounts have been received from several monthly meetings and the representatives therein named to attend this meeting are for Dartmouth, Alice Tobey and Sarah Tobey, for Nantucket A. Jane H. Mitchell, Rebecca B. Coffin and Hydia C. Hussey, for New Bedford Hannah Gifford and Susan Smith whose names being called are all present.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from all the monthly meetings, together with a summary prepared thereon which with an address to the Quarterly Meeting are to be forwarded by the friends, Mary Gardner Hannah Gifford Hannah Tobey Sarah S. Paddock Rebecca B. Coffin Mary S. Tucker

and Sister Withee who are appointed to attend Monthly and report at our next Quarterly Meeting

We have had at this the company of our beloved Friend Nathan Page who presented a copy of a minute from Salem Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity with his Gospel religious engagement, his company and Gospel labours have been very acceptable to us, and the clerk is desired to forward a minute in compliance with the above request

The business of this meeting being accomplished we conclude, postponing to meet again if favoured with Divine Will in course of the 11th at Nantucket

Mary S. Mitchell Clerk

Summons. Summons

Art. 1. All our brethren in regular
standing and disciplined Churches shall be
entitled to the privileges of Church
membership in this Church, subject to
such laws as are or may be established
and in force at the time of application
for membership; yet a strict
investigation is required in all cases, and
no private member is to be received
who is not known to be a person of
good moral character.

Art. 2. Every member shall be
expected to attend public worship
on the Sabbath, when not
providentially hindered.

Art. 3. Love and unity are to be cultivated
and encouraged, and detraction guarded
against, and when any difficulties
arise they are to be settled
between the parties.

Art. 4. We believe that Christ has ordained
that those who preach the Gospel should live
by the Gospel; and that the Church

of fraud, to restrain them from reading
fraudulent tickets, and from the sale
or use of the right and to prevent
complainants irreparable injury; that the
said Tickets are apparently and in
fraud similar

4th The bill further avers that
to confuse the use of Spalding's Logic to
the detriment of your orator and prevent
the introduction of Spalding's Logic and
keep it from the schools, that they have
instituted or threatened the prosecution
referred to,

5th Generally alleges the different facts
of his injury

6th We believe most frauds and frauds
of similar nature to yours and we are
careful that all proceedings with respect
to marking the cards shall be conducted

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7th To inform friends are maintaining their testimonies in the several parts of this query

8th To inform any that friends are concerned to inspect their conduct and settle their accounts & to pay what is due from them and that it is the concern of the Select and Monthly Meetings to assist friends in their circumstances

9th Friends are duly attended to, not quite clear as to the last clause

10th To inform in what manner friends are to deal with offenders in the manner given at first, and to place admonition where necessary me first in the order of the Meeting to discipline.

At Haverhill Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Amesbury 12th 3d mo 1858

Records have been received from our several Mo. Meetings and the representatives appointed to attend the meeting in Plainfield Mary Ruth and Mary S. Hoxie, Amesbury-Rachel Bailey, Lydia H. Peasley and Susan C. Sawyer, Newburyport-Judith Swift and Peter H. Burwell were also appointed as attenders

Sarah S. Paddock on behalf of the Trustees of the Yearly Meeting reported that they all attended except Mary Lippitt, who was prevented from indisposition

The queries were then read by the Clerk and answered the 1st 2d 3d 4th 5th from all the Monthly meetings

We have received extracts from the minutes of the last Yearly meeting the Western

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of Churches from the B. yearly meeting held at Star Ridge, and Baltimore yearly meeting held at Bottingham which have been read & satisfaction and comfort and the same is united to forward copies thereof to our united Monthly Meetings

The business of the meeting being accomplished, under a sense of Divine favour we concluded, to meet again & permitted in the fear of God at this place

Jane L. Mitchell Clerk

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Yearly Meeting of Women
Friends for New England, held at Newport on
Rhode Island, by adjournments from the 13th
of the 6th mo. to the 16th of the same, inclusive. 1858.

Dear friends to assemble once more
in this our annual gathering, our dear absent
friends have frequently brought to our remem-
brance with desire that they might be present
with us, at the seasons taken, we humbly trust,
Heaven in Head our all things to his church
hath deigned to make the heritage, to the re-
freshment of the souls contrited before Him.

We have renewedly felt an ability, to
ourselves, to transact the weighty affairs of the
Church, and desired have been begotten that
we might wait at Wisdom's gate to know the
ordering of that life which would qualify for
any work and service — that we might dig
deep, and lie low — that we may know the
mind of Truth in all our deliberations, that
so our motives might be sanctified, and
under the power and authority thereof —
And while we are sensible of our many short-

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and of the many deficiencies apparent among us, we have cause to believe that we are not forsaken by the Great Head of the Church, that He is still mindful of us, and will, as we cleave unto Him be strength in our weakness, riches in our poverty, and a present Help in the needful time.

An apprehension has been felt that lukewarmness too generally prevails, that though there is no lack at the Fountain, yet the streams are very low, and a fervent desire was expressed that we might be willing to search out the obstacle and it may by the light of the Holy Spirit, so that that which is comparable to the pebble may be removed, and there may be a free circulation from vessel to vessel; — yet a belief has been feelingly expressed that a remnant has been, in low places being ready to say "A Savior we see, a Redeemer Spirit forever," who would as they kept low before Him, receive beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness."

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The dear youth have been affectionately entreated to take up their cross in the morning of their days, for the Lord loveth an early sacrifice, and not spend the prime of life in a vain pursuit of pleasure in the things of time and sense, lest He cause His storms with thunder & tempest of days be not granted them.

An earnest solicitude has prevailed that all classes, among us, may abide under His power, whose fire is in Zion and his furnace in Jerusalem, that so "Judges may be raised up as at the first and counsellors as at the beginning."

While I take pleased to remember "Zion's God all things well" to remove some rocks to reward those with whom we have taken sweet counsel and walked to the house of God in company," (and this loss is deeply felt) yet we are comforted in believing that there are those coming on, in the precious walks of life who are under the preparing hand of the Lord for service, and favor

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received on the wheels, will come forth from the Potter, vessels fitted for the Master's use.-

Extracted from the minutes by
Sarah S. Paddock
Clerk to the meeting this year.

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At Sandwich Quarterly meeting of women Friends held at Sandwich 7th of 10th mo 1858

Accounts have been received from our several monthly meetings, and the representatives thereon named to attend this meeting are for Dartmouth Mary S. Tucker and Lucy Wilbur & Nantucket, Alice Mitchell, Veronica Austin & Mary Gardner, Ann Redfud Judith Swift & Hannah P. Gifford whose names being called are all present

The time having arrived for which the clerks of this meeting were appointed Judith Swift on behalf of most of the representatives proposes Mary S. Mitchell for clerk and Mary Ann Tabor for assistant which being united with they are accordingly appointed to the services for the year ensuing

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The queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first-
second and tenth from all our Monthly Meetings

The busines of this meeting being accomplished we conclude, purposing to meet (again) consistent with Dennis Ville in 12 Month next at New Bedford

Mary S. Mitchell Clerk

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at New Bedford 2d of 12 mo 1858

Epistles have been received from several Monthly meetings and the representatives have attended this meeting viz for Sandwich Hannah Thomas & Phebe Hazzard for Nantucket Mary Coffin Eliza Hussey for Dartmouth Mary I Mitchell for New Bedford Judith Swift and Mary Tiffany whose names being called are all present except one

The assistant clerk being absent Lydia H. Barnard is appointed to that service for the day

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first, second and tenth from all our Monthly meetings

Information is rec^d through the medium of the accounts from Nantucket Monthly Meeting that that meeting has united with a proposition to acknowledge the gift and publick appearance in the ministry of Barzillai B. Coffin which after a time of weighty deliberation has been united with by this meeting having the concurrence of our men friends and Herein and Judith Swift is appointed to inform the select meeting and report at our next Quarterly Meeting

Information is also received through the medium of Dartmouth Mo. meeting that they have united in the appointment of Abiel Hilton to the station of Elder, which after a time of weighty deliberation is united with by this meeting having the concurrence of our male friends herein and Judith Swift is appointed to inform the

Select Business and report at our next quarterly Meeting.

The business of this meeting being accomplished, under a sense of unmerited favor we conclude, purposing to meet again if permitted on 4th day next at this place

A Yearly Quarterly & Select Meeting of Women Friends held at Dartmouth 1839

Accounts have been received from all our Monthly Meetings and the appointed Friends named to attend this meeting are for Dartmouth Elizabeth C. Eddy, Sarah M. Kilbur, and Elizabeth Mitchell, for Sandwich Christian Easton, Mary Gardner, and Mary C. Gardner for New Bedford Hannah Boadle and Lydia C. Barnard all of whom are present.

The Clerk of this mtg being absent
Alice Hilbur is appointed to steal
service for the day.

The queries have been read in
this mtg with answers thereto from
all our monthly mtgs together with
a summary for and thereupon
which are to be forwarded with
an account of the Yearly mtg by
our friends Rachel Gardner, Mary
Gardner, Mary S. Hilbur, Julia A. S.
Barnard, Mary Ann Taber and Sarah
M. Hilbur who are appointed to attend
therewith and report at our next Quar-
terly mtg.

Information has been received through
the medium of New Bedford monthly
mtg that they are united in the
appointment of Mary Ann Taber
of the Station of an elder which
is for a time a trouble & likewise
is united with by this mtg having
the concurrence of our own friends

Lorin and Elsie C. Cotton. it appointed to inform the Sister and Brother to be present Duately Sunday.

Sister Swift informed the Sunday that she had attended to her appointment in giving information to the Relief Society of the acknowledgement of the gift and appreciation of the Sisters efforts in the manufacture of Cotton. And also of the ordination of Elder Hulbert to the office of an Elder.

Our beloved friend Lorin C. Cotton appeared in the Sunday a short time before the close of the meeting and bore his testimony upon the truth of the gospel and the necessity of keeping the commandments of God. He was followed by Elder Hulbert who spoke upon the principles of the gospel and the duties devolving upon the Saints in these last days.

At our yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport in Rhode Island, in England, by adjournments from the 12 of June to the 15 of the same inclusive 1859

During some of the sittings of this our Annual Assembly, our minds have been solemnly impressed, with the consideration of the nature and importance of the subjects brought before us, and a solemnity was then felt that we may so dwell, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, as to know what is the mind thereof; and under the prevalence of this feeling, our minds have been drawn towards dear absent Sisters we trust with living desires that they with us may know a firm establishment in the only sure foundation -- Christ Jesus our Lord.

Although sensible of many differences existing amongst us, yet with grateful hearts, we have to acknowledge the Love of Unmixed and Everlasting Goodness has been mercifully spread over us, and we are

comforted with a little hope that we are still under the notice and regard of Him, who once said "to the uttermost end of Earth will I go my face in haste"

A little opposition has been experienced & feeded to exercise for the welfare of Zion, and the enlargement of her Borders, and fervent desires have been expressed that we may individually be made willing instruments in the hands of God, and thus realize the work of righteousness to be peace and the effect thereof quietness and assurance forever; And that Jerusalem is indeed a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down, not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall one of the cords thereof shall ever be broken.

The solemn injunction of our Holy Redeemer "What I say unto you I say unto all watch" has been revived in our hearing with desires that we may stand continually on the watch tower in the day time, and

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich the 10th Mo. 1859

Accounts have been rec'd from all our Monthly Meetings and the representatives therein named to attend this meeting for Dartmouth, Mary S. Tucker and Alice Wilbur, for Sandwich, Alice Mitchell, Mary Gardner and Mary Allen, for N. Bedford, Lydia Swift and Mary Ann Tabor, whose names being called are all present.

The time having arrived for which the clerks were appointed, the representatives have conferred together, and are united in appointing Mary S. Mitchell for clerk and Alice Wilbur for assistant, whose names being severally considered are united with, and they are accordingly appointed to those services for the ensuing

The Journal of the last meeting was read and approved.

The beloved friend Frances B. Griffin has returned the minute granted her the 4th mo last and being presented from being prevented by sickness and informed us that although unable of the weakness incident to the infirm state, she had been favoured to perform the service she visited. She had been refreshed to the satisfaction and peace of her own mind. Which information was satisfactory to the meeting.

The business of this meeting being accomplished we conclude, to meet again & conclude with Sandy Hill on 12th inst at Greenfield

Mary S. Mitchell Clerk

1857.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at New Bedford 1st. of 12th. Mo. 1857.

Accounts have been received from all our Monthly Meetings; and the representatives therein named, are, for Dartmouth,— Sarah M. Wilbur, and Elizabeth C. Eddy:— for Nantucket,— Lydia W. Coleman, Eliza Ann Easton, and Hepsibeth C. Hussey; for New Bedford,— Mercy Gifford, and Lydia T. Barnard,— whose names being called are all present.

The Clerk of this Meeting not being present, Alice Wilbur is appointed Clerk, and Hepsibeth C. Hussey assistant Clerk, for the day.

The Queries have been read in this meeting, with answers to the first, second, and tenth, from all our Monthly Meetings.

The business of this meeting being ~~concluded~~ accomplished, we conclude

[illegible] to meet again, if permitted with Divine Will, in South Mo. next at this place.

Alice Wilbur. — Clerk for the day.

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 3rd by 4th 1860

Accounts have been rec'd from our several Monthly Meetings, and the representatives thereto named to attend this meeting are for Dartmouth, Mary F. Slocum and Elizabeth H. Eddy; — Sandwich, Elizabeth A. Hussey and Mary S. Mitchell, New Bedford, Susan H. Smith and Mercy Gifford, whose names being called all present.

The Assistant Clerk being absent Elizabeth A. Hussey is appointed to that service for the day.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from all our Monthly Meetings, together with a Summary prepared for this, which will form an Account of the Yearly Meeting are to be forwarded by our

friends Elizabeth H. Cady, Mary S. Anthony, Susan B. Anthony, Lydia D. Bonfield, Eliza Ann Easton, Rachel Gardner, and Mary Ann Wilson who are appointed to attend Quarterly Meeting at Peru and Quarterly Meeting.

The Colored Friend Rebecca Foster attended this meeting with a Minute from Little Kingston Mon. Meeting held at Uptonville, expressive of their unity with her Ministry and present religious prospect, her conduct and conversation there during her visit to us, and of her services in and among them in the subject of Temperance has with a view to Minute is deferred until a future Quarterly Meeting.

The Concerned friend Silas M. Foster who laid this meeting with a Minute from Little Kingston Mon. Meeting held at Uptonville expressive of their unity with a Minute of that meeting, and their unity with his concern to travel in the Ministry in the Quarterly

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in her present Religious engagement,—
which is acceptable to us; but as the
service is not accomplished, the subject
of furnishing him with a returning min-
ute is deferred to a future meeting.

The business of this meeting being
brought to a close, we conclude, - proposing
to meet again if permitted in the next
ad. Month 4th

Mary S. Mitchell Clerk

Summary Answers

Ans 1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended and the most of them by all our members with the exception of some few in unity at Little Compton. The hour is nearly observed, and carefully preserved from slopping over of other unbecoming behaviour

Ans 2d. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained, and detraction generally guarded against; No differences have come to our knowledge

Ans 3d. We believe most friends endeavour to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel and to restrain them from reading fictitious books and from the sinful amusements of the world, and we in a good degree accomplish this. We think the Rules of Discipline are frequently and impartially executed

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. Ans 4th " Friends are careful to avoid the use of Spirituous liquors except for Medicine, the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort and to keep in true moderation and temperance on acct. of births, Marriages and on other occasions

. Ans 5th " The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved their children partake of learning to fit them for business, some placed from among Friends

. Ans 6th " We believe most Friends and heads of families, with the young and unmarried are careful that all proceedings with respect to Marriage be comformable to discipline

. Ans 7th " We believe friends are maintaining their testimonies in the several parts of this Quar

Ans. 8th the Town not laid clear

Ans 9th Roads are duly attended to, Care is taken in regard to Certificates

Ans 10th We believe Friends are generally concerned to deal with Offenders in the manner queried after.

No judgment has been placed since our last Occasion.

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held 5 of 7 mo 1866

Accounts have been received from our several monthly Meetings and the representatives therein named to attend this meeting are for Dartmouth, Elizabeth H. Eddy and Mary P. Tucker, for Nantucket, Mary Gardner Alice Mitchell and Mary S. Mitchell for New Bedford, Hannah R. Gifford & Judith Swift whose names being called are all present except one who was prevented from attending by indisposition.

The assistant Clerk being absent Elizabeth C. Hussey is appointed to that service for the day.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting all attended.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with ans to first, second and tenth from all our monthly meetings.

Our Friend Thomas Lambern attended this meeting with minutes from Nottingham and Little Britain Mo. Mtgs. and Nottingham Quarterly Meeting held at Little Britain, Lancaster Co. expressive of their unity with his ministry and precious prospect of religious labour as expressed in the minute, his company and Gospel labours have been acceptable and edifying to us, and the clerk is directed to sign such a minute as our men friends may furnish him with expressive of the same.

Our Friend Rhoda Foster attended our last Quarterly Mtgs. and subsequently the most of all of the meetings composing it. — with a minute from South King Mon Monthly Meeting held at Hopkinton, expressive of their unity with her com-

istry and religious prospect, her company and Gospel labours have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish her with a Copy of this minute.

Our friend John H. Foster attended our last Quarterly Mee, with a minute from South Kingston Mon Meeting held at Hopkinton, expressive of their unity with his concern to accompany his mother Phebe Foster on her then religious engagements prospect: his company was acceptable, and the clerk is left at liberty to sign a minute if our own friends furnish him with one.

We have received extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, also a transcript of an epistle from Baltimore Yearly Meeting held at Nottingham, which have been read and were satisfactory, and the clerk is directed to furnish our several Mon Meetings with copies thereof.

The business of this meeting being brought to a satisfactory close, we conclude, purposing to meet again if consistent with Divine will, in 10 Mo. next at this place

Mary S. Mitchell Clerk

1860

At our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends in New England, held at Newport on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 10th of 6 mo. to the 13th of the same inclusive 1860

While gathered on this important & solemn occasion, even to transact the affairs of the Church, earnest have been the desires of many, that all should be done to the glory and to the praise of Him, who first gathered us to be a people, — and in the prevalence of that love which characterizes the disciples of Christ, and constitutes the bond of Gospel fellowship, our dear absent friends have claimed our remembrance, and we feel to acknowledge for your encouragement that the Lord hath not forborne to be gracious unto us, neither hath he in anger, (towards us in many dark & tiding) shut up his tender mercies. He hath remunedly at times seemed to be in our midst and both immediately and instrumentally handed forth of the precious bread of life, whereby

our drooping spirits have been a little revived and we encouraged to renew our confidence in him, who is the unfailing strength of his people

Great has been the increase of Stone Mounds, on account of the declensions which are apparent within our borders, and all have been exhorted to a greater dedicature of heart, to a more full submission to the requirings of our Divine and Spiritual Guide, that so these may continue to be a living Church, composed of living members, of which Christ Jesus be the Head. Thus have we been encouraged to believe "then" will be judges raised up as at the first and counsellors as at the beginning, after which people Jerusalem to them shall be

We have been again and again entreated to keep a single eye to the principles of our Divine Master, not leaning upon man for help, but by deep inward waiting to know our habitation to be in the Lord and by a watchful conduct and conversation to evince to others that we are not following cunningly devised fables, but the spirit and self testimony

Truth, being "let at the same time to put on the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit" which is in the sight of God of great price.

We have thankfully to acknowledge, that He who is rich unto all those who call upon Him, has not been unmindful of us during this our annual assembly,

it has been graciously pleased at times to overshadow us with his presence, - under a grateful sense thereof we conclude, purposing to meet again in this Island in 6 mo. next if the Lord permit.

Extracted from the minutes of the meeting aforesaid, by Sarah T. Paddack Clerk to the meeting this year.

1860

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 4th of 11th Mo. 1860

Accounts have been read from several Monthly Meetings and the representatives therein named to attend this Meeting as for Dartmouth, Mary H. Tucker Sand. Alice Hilton, for Nantucket Lydia G. Hussey Lydia M. Hussey & Elizabeth Ann Easton for New Bedford Lydia F. Barnard and Judith Swift whose names being called are all present.

The time meeting expired for which the Clerks were appointed Judith Swift on behalf of the representatives thus proposed Mary S. Mitchell for Clerk and Alice Hilton for assistant Clerk whose names being separately considered are united with, and they are accordingly appointed to those stations for the ensuing

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to 1st 2d & and 11th Queries on Monthly meetings

The business of this meeting being accomplished we conclude, by adjournment to meet again if permitted on 12th day of next week at New Bedford

Mary S. Middleton

1826

Accounts have been received fro

Stevenson and Lydia F. Hussey for New B
Barnard and Mercy Tillord who
called they were all present

The Clerk of this meeting bei
Alice Luther is appointed clerk and Ma
assistant clerk for the day

The Queries have been read an
answers to the first second and thir

The business of this meetin

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 4 of 4 mo. 1861

Accounts have been rec'd from our several Mo. Meetings and the representatives therein named to attend this one, are for Dartmouth Elizabeth H. Eddy and Elizabeth Mitchell, for Nantucket Alice Mitchell Elizabeth A Macy and Eliza Ann Easton, for New Bedford Susan H Smith and Sybil Barnard as no names being called at all based except this, will now proceeded further standing by indulgent members

The queries have been read with and, there have all our Mo meetings, together with a minute prepared thereon, which on being read to the yearly mee, are to be forwarded to our friends Alice Wilbur, Judith Swift Mary Ann Akin, Elizabeth H Eddy, Ann S. Austin and Elizabeth A. Macy who are appointed to attend therewith and report

at our next 6th day Meeting

Information is rec'd through the medium of the mails from Nantucket Mo. Meeting a proposition for the appointment of Mary S. Austin to the station of an Elder which after a time of weighty deliberation was united with by this meeting having the concurrence of our dear friends, and Judith Swift is appointed to inform the Select Mo. and report at our next 6th day meeting

The business of this meeting being brought to a close, we conclude further to meet again if consistent with Friends Mills at Nantucket in 7th mo. next

Mary S. Mitchell Clk

Summary Answers

1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended by most of our members when of ability except in one, two, or three, on which also their appears to be a remissness in this important duty. The time is nearly observed. Is chiefly preserved from such as clear of the unbecoming behaviour.

2d. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained, and detraction generally guarded against. Differences that do arise

3d. The believing parents are concerned to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and are generally exemplary therein themselves: and that the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families

Ans 4th Generally clear in the general parts of this Query.

Ans 5th Clear in the different parts of this Query.

Ans. 6th We believe most Juniels and heads of families, with the young and unmarried are careful that all proceedings with regard to marriage be conformable to discipline

Ans 7th We believe Friends maintain their testimony faithfully in the General parts of this Query

Ans 8th We know not but Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and set the their affairs, to be punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

Ans 9th The records are attended to, and
quite clear respecting Certificates.

Ans 10th We believe Friends are careful
to deal with offenders in the manner pre-
scribed often and to place judgement in
the Authority of Truth according to discipline

At Sandwich 2d day Mee. of Women friends held at Nantucket 4 of 7 mo 1861

Roll have been recd from our several Mo. Mee, and the representatives therein named to attend this mee. are for Dartmouth Mary Ann Tucker and Mary S. Tucker, for Nantucket Lydia M. Hussey Mary Gardner and Rachel Hussey for New Bedford Susan H. Smith & Mary Ann Tabor whose names being called are all present but one

The assistant Clerk being absent Hes. C. Hussey is appointed to that service for the day

Judith Swift reports that information has been given to the Select Meeting of the approval of Mary F. Austin of this Meeting of the appointment of Mary F. Austin to the station of an Elder

The representatives to the Yearly Mee.
all attended except one

The queries have been read in this mee.
with ans. to the 1st 2d 5th 10th from all
our Mo. Meetings

We have rec'd extracts from the minutes
of our Yearly Mee. also a copy of
an Epistle from Baltimore Yearly Mee.
Nottingham which have been read to the
comfort and satisfaction of Friends and
the clerk is directed to forward copies
thereof to our several Mo. Meetings

The business of this meeting being
brought to a satisfactory close we sep.
adjourn, purposing to meet again
at this place if consistent with Dr.
Mary, Mills, in 10 Mo. next.

Mary S. Mitchell Clerk

At an Yearly Meeting of Women Friends for New England held at Rem[illegible] by adjournments from the 11 of the 6 mo to the 14 of the same inclusive 1861

While gathered once more for the important purpose of transacting the affairs of the militant Church, our dear absent sisters have been feelingly brought to mind, and desires raised that they might partake with us in these seasons when He who is "strength in weakness, riches in poverty and a present help in the needful time" might condescend to feed [illegible] from His bountiful table a portion of that food which alone is able to afford sustenance to the immortal soul and nourish it unto eternal life.

Solemn incense has arisen from off the altar of contrite hearts, that He who has been the hearer of prevailing prayer will continue to be the supply of your various yet to come, would send help from His holy sanctuary and strengthen

knoweth in whose heart it is faithfully to serve him, hath in the plenitude of his loving kindness, been graciously pleased to be with his suffering seed contributing their hearts before him.

Earnest have been our desires during the several sittings of this our annual gathering, that "He who has promised that for the sighing of the poor and the crying of the needy He will arise," would be graciously pleased to guide us with his counsel and endue us with wisdom from above, to enable us to transact the business that has come before us in a spirit becoming our christian profession, and in an reverently and gratefully acknowledge that He has made himself known amongst us from time to time, to the refreshing of our spirits and encouraging of our faith in him the crown of all visibly gathered assemblies, under a sense of which we conclude, for feeling it best again to bind in

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Extracted from the minutes
of the L. Grand Clerk

1861
10th mo

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket 3d of 10th month 1861.

Accounts have been received from several Monthly Meetings and the representatives therein named to attend this meeting are, for Dartmouth Mary S. Tucker, Mary R. Rowland and Elizabeth H. Eddy — for Nantucket Narcissa B. Coffin, Eliza Ann Easton and Eliza C. Coffin — for New Bedford Judith Swift and Hannah P. Tiffin, whose names being called are all present except one.

The time having expired for which the Clerks of this meeting were appointed, Narcissa B. Coffin on behalf of the representatives, proposed Sarah S. Paddack for Clerk and Hepsibeth C. Hussey for assistant, whose names being separately considered, are united with, and they are accordingly appointed to those services for the year ensuing.

Answers to the 1st, 2d and 10th Queries have been received from our several Monthly meetings, and together with the Queries have

been read in this meeting.

The business of this meeting being accomplished, we conclude, proposing to meet again if permitted, in the twelfth month next, at New Bedford.

Sarah S. Paddack Clerk

1861

12 mo. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 5th of 12th mo 1861.

Accounts have been received from our several Monthly Meetings and the Representatives therein named to attend this meeting are for Dartmouth Elizabeth Mitchell and Alice Wilbur, — for Nantucket Mary F. Austin, Mary S. Mitchell and Hepsibeth C. Russey — for New Bedford Lydia T. Barnard and Mercy Gifford, whose names being called they are all present —

Answers to the first second and tenth Queries have been received from our respective monthly meetings, and together with the Queries have been read at this time.

The business which has come before us being brought to a close — we conclude — purposing to meet again if consistent with the Divine will in the fourth month next at this place.

Sarah S. Paddack Clerk.

1862
4th mo

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 3d of 4th mo 1862.

Accounts have been received from our respective Monthly Meetings and the Representatives therein named to attend this meeting are for Dartmouth Alice Wilbur and Hannah R. Shearman, for Nantucket Mary Arthur, Eunice B. Paddack and Elizabeth H. Hussey — for New Bedford Lydia T. Barnard and Hannah B. Giffod whose names being called they are all present except one.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with Answers thereto from all our monthly meetings also a Summary prepared thereupon, which with an account approved and signed are to be forwarded to our next Yearly Meeting by our friends, Judith Swift, Mary Ann Tucker, Sarah S. Paddack, Lydia T. Barnard, Mary Ann Tabor, Elizabeth H. Eddy and Elizabeth H. Hussey who are appointed to attend therewith and report to our next Quarterly Meeting

The business of this meeting being accomplished

1862
4th mo

we conclude — purposing to meet again if permitted in the seventh month next at Nantucket.

Sarah S. Paddack Clerk.

Summary.

Ans. 1st. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended by most of our members excepting some for worship at Little Compton — the hour is nearly observed — not wholly clear of sleep clear of other unbecoming behaviour —

2d. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained — and detraction generally guarded against. No differences that we know of.

3d. We believe most Friends endeavour to bring up those under their care, in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel — to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and are exemplary herein themselves — we believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families —

4th We know not but friends are careful to maintain our testimonies faithfully in the several parts of this Query

5th. Friends appear to be concerned to maintain the several parts of this Query.

6th Parents and heads of families are careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage may be conformable to discipline. Not so clear with regard to the young and unmarried in these respects.

7th. We know not but clear in the several parts of this query.

8th. Friends are mostly careful in the several parts of this query—

9th. The Records are attended to— Not quite clear respecting certificates.

10th. We believe friends feel a concern to deal with offenders in the manner queried after, and to pass judgment according to Discipline.

1862
7th mo

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Nantucket 3d of 7th mo 1862.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings we are informed that they have appointed the following named Friends as Representatives to this meeting viz — for Dartmouth Alice Wilbur and Elizabeth Mitchell — for New Bedford Judith Swift and Mary Ann Taber — for Nantucket Hepsibeth C. Hussey, Alice Mitchell and Rachel Hussey whose names being called they are present except two, for the absence of one a satisfactory reason has been assigned

Answers to the 1st — 2d and 10th Queries have been received from our respective Monthly Meetings and together with the Queries have been read in this meeting.

One of the Representatives to the Yearly Meeting reports that they all attended.

We have received a transcript of an Epistle from Baltimore Yearly Meeting, also Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting which have been read to our satisfaction

and the Clerk is directed to furnish copies thereof to our several Monthly Meetings.

A memorial of New-Bedford Mo. Mty concerning our beloved Friend Francis Taber deceased has been read to our comfort, and we have been afresh encouraged thereby to endeavour to follow-Him as he endeavoured to follow Christ — the Clerk is left at liberty to sign it on behalf of this, in conjunction with the clerk of the men's meeting.

Having been favoured to transact the business which has come before us in harmony, we conclude — purposing to meet again if permitted in the tenth month next at this place —

Sarah S. Paddack Clerk —

From our Yearly Meeting of women Friends for New-England held in Rhode Island by adjournments from the 16th of the 6th month to the 18th of the same inclusive 1862.

To Being permitted once more to assemble together, our absent sisters have been brought to our remembrance, and we are desirous that they might be made partakers of a little of that bread which has been dispensed from season to season —

A concern has been expressed that in these times of treading down, we should not refuse that, which may be compareable to a book by the way, and that we might look not to the outward, but unto Him, who alone knows what we stand in need of, and the desire has also arisen that we may experience a being hid, as under the healing wings of the Sun of Righteousness, while the petition for help and strength in this time of humiliation has been offered.

We have been tenderly exhorted to labour diligently in the vineyard of our own hearts, in order that every wrong thing may be removed, and encouraged that this being the case, the plant of renown would flourish and overtop every other thing, that we should then

be enabled to travail harmoniously together, and the language would be often extended to one another, "come let us go up to the house of the Lord together, and there wait for his teaching and great would be our peace."

The belief has been expressed that all present might come and partake of the waters of life freely — the query to our Saviour by John's disciples whether He was the Messiah? was adverted to, and he referred them to His works, saying the "blind see the deaf hear, the lame walk", thus shewing us that faith and works should go hand in hand — the injunction of the Saviour has also been revived "Be ye perfect, even as your Father, which is in Heaven is perfect," and we have been reminded that though without Him we can do nothing, yet that He does not require more than He will enable us to perform — and a concern has been expressed that we might examine and see on what we are building, that our foundation may be sure, even upon Christ Jesus the Rock of Ages," and the blessedness of this refuge in these times of trial has been feelingly adverted to, under whose shadow there is

peace — reverently grateful for the evidences of Divine regard which have been vouchsafed at this time — we conclude — purposing to meet again if permitted on this Island in the 6th mo next

Extracted from the minutes of the meeting aforesaid

Martha S. Gould Clerk —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of
women Friends held at Sandwich 12 mo
Dec. 1862

1862

[illegible] will answer to the [illegible]

[illegible] of this matter [illegible]

[illegible] 12 Dec Court at New Bedford

Mary S. Mitchell

Clerk

1862

Mary S. Mitchell Clerk

1863
4th mo

At a Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at the Bethel 2d of 4th mo 1863

Friends from various parts of several Monthly Meetings and the Representatives Women were all attended this meeting viz, for Lincoln Monthly Meeting Hannah and Mary H. Brotherton, for Scipio Monthly Meeting Rebecca Cotton and Elizabeth Lossing, for the Bethel Sybil A. Barnard and for this Meeting Mary Ann Wilson, Mary Ann Hudson, Mary Ann Tucker, Phebe Ann Cotton and Harriet A. Hyatt. Also we have appointed to attend Quarterly Meetings and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Att ew

We are informed by our new friend that they have conducted to himself our friend Nathan Page who attended our last Quarterly Meeting, and has also been mentioned at this time, with a view of ascertaining whether he is left at liberty to attend the service of this meeting.

The business of this meeting being accomplished we conclude, perfecting to meet again consistent with the Lord's will in the second month next at Nantucket.

Jonah L. Pollard Clerk pro tem.

Summary

Absent. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been held & we consider it returned our own for whom & which to meet, & the meetings to worship within the limits of our monthly meeting.

The rules of practice and - our usually observed for discipline, & other our business attended.

Dl. Love and unity are generally maintained amongst us, and determination prevails against

[illegible] are different and each ought to be noted [illegible]
to and them.

3d [illegible] Friends appointed to inspect [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] appear
restrain them from [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

4th We believe Friends are much careful to maintain
our testimonies faithfully in the several parts of this Query

5th Generally clear in the different parts of this Query.

6th We do not know but parents and heads of families
are careful that all proceedings with respect to
marriage be conformable to discipline — the young
and unmarried are not so clear in these respects.

7th We believe most Friends are careful to maintain
their testimonies in the several parts of this Query.

8th Clear as far as appears in the several parts of this

1863
4th mo

Aug 9th The Records are attended to, some removals without Certificates.

10th. Some cases have been taken to deal with offenders in the manner hereafter, and we have endeavoured to place judgment when it has appeared necessary in the authority of Truth according to Discipline.

At Sandwich Quarterly Mtg.
of Women Friends held at Nantucket
2 of 7 mo. 1863

By an acct. rec'd from Nantucket Mo. Meeting, the representatives were named to attend this meeting are Alice Mitchell, Mary F. Mitchell & Eunice B. Paddock whose names being called are all present.

In consideration that Dartmouth and New Bedford Mo. Mtgs. are identified with a body pretending to hold a Yearly Meeting, who in the judgment of Friends have gone from the true foundation, and did not hold their meeting in the authority of Truth as in the beginning they, it seems inconsistent to receive acct. from those Meetings. Therefore those presented by them are laid aside unread.

1863

The Queries have been read in this Mtg. with ans. from Nantucket Mo. Mtg

Two of the Representatives to the Yearly Mtg. report they attended

We have in attendance at this time our esteemed Friends Wm C. Meader and Thomas Sanborn with Certificates of unity with their present religious engagement from Leipsic Mo. Mtg of Friends held 20 of 5th Mo. and also from Leipsic 2d Mo. Mtg held 24 of 6 Mo 1863. The company and Gospel labors of these friends have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is left at liberty to sign such a minute as on behalf of this meeting as our dear friends may furnish them with.

Our dear friends have handed us the following minute explanatory of the course pursued by friends at our late

yearly Mtg, which has been read and is satisfactory

At a Meeting of men and women friends held at Newport in Rhode Island by adjournments 16th, 17th & 18th of 6mo. 1863.

Fourth day of the week and 17th of the month. The following minute being produced and read, and after a season of solid deliberation was approved in the meeting.

Under a deep and abiding sense of the responsible situation, in which we are now placed as a body of Friends, we feel it incumbent upon us to make upon record some account of the causes and circumstances which have contributed to our present position; and in order to do this, some reference appears to be necessary, to the numerical and superficial standing of many

under our name, who as we apprehend are not sufficiently acquainted with that Spirit and Power, which would lead to a true judgment in things pertaining to the Church. This in the natural activity of the creature, have from time to time, and for the last four years especially, taken upon themselves to enter into the seat of judgment, by which it has been turned on any backward, "justice has fallen in the street and equity could not enter", greatly to the grief and burthen of such as we apprehend are living members of the Church. The effect of this Spirit was made openly manifest on the reception of the Epistle from our brethren of New York Yearly Meeting held at Poplar Ridge in the year 1859.

A large proportion of this class, acting through prejudice and the affectionate part arising from ties of consanguinity, as we believe, of joined

the reception of this token of Scotch friendship, expressing fond attachment to a body of Separatists, whom our judgment had laid waste the testimonies of Saints and gone off from that ground. — Friends, unreserved and annulled to be that it was best to continue to receive the Epistle from the Continental body Yearly Meeting of New York, gave this judgment to this effect, but after the Subject had been considered in the meeting, it was referred to a committee, not agreeing in judgment respecting it, it came before the Yearly Meeting and was referred to the Meeting for Sufferings with no better result. Again and again has the Subject claimed our consideration and the effort to extend the right hand of fellowship to our distant brethren has been turned aside with clamor and many bitter reproaches, both

upon them and upon ourselves, under which, true judgment, as has been before alluded to, has not been suffered to prevail. This sad falling short with some, and gross departure with others, from the true ground of our profession, has increased to a great extent, openly manifesting disunity with all of those meetings with whom we have corresponded and who are as "one of our bone and flesh of our flesh."

It was under deep and painful exercises that we came to this annual assembly, fervently desiring that we might be favored to see with clearness what course to pursue under our trials and besetments, that would tend to the honor of Truth.

On entering upon the business of the Yearly Meeting, the same spirit again manifested itself in the way and manner which has been before spoken of, objection being made to

the reception of all the Epistles from our distant brethren and sisters & especially from the General Meeting of Friends held at Baltimore and New York Yearly Meeting held at Poplar Ridge; several months having elapsed during the consideration of the latter, being sorrowfully impressed with the conviction that the meetings for several years had not been and could not be held to the honor of Truth and the promotion of the cause.

And this being the condition of the body constituting what was the Nearly Meeting of Friends of New England, the clerk (Ruby Whitehill) was constrained to make the declaration at that time that he could not conscientiously serve as clerk to that body any longer; he in this position having the most sympathy and unity of those Friends

who are endeavoring to stand, and their measures for the law & the testimony, against the spreading spirit which has so sorrowfully prevailed.

Therefore the meeting was adjourned by a minute made by the assistant-clerk who is a partisan with those who have so long rejected the concern and counsels of Friends. The steps which Friends had taken hitherto were entirely without premeditation; and under much individual contrition of spirit we were concerned to inquire what the Lord would have further for us to do for the promotion of His cause in the earth — Dwelling under this solicitude, it seemed best for men & women Friends to assemble together to wait upon the Lord and to confer together to wait as to what was best to be done in our tried situation, and under a covering of solemnity

which prevailed, we were united in judgment that it would be unsafe to again meet with that disorganizing people.

Extracted from the minutes and signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting, by

Polly Hitchcock Clerk

Under a deep conviction of the necessity of being established on the alone true foundation, Christ Jesus the immutable rock, we conclude, purposing to meet again if permitted in 10 mo. next at this place

Mary S. Mitchell Clerk

1863

At Sandwich Quarterly Mtg of Women Friends held at Nantucket 2d of 10 mo 1863

~~At Prest~~ The time having expired for which the Clerks of this Mtg. were appointed Jemima Austin one of the rep. proposed the name of Mary S. Mitchell for Clerk and Rep. C. Hussey for Assistant, which being considered ~~the~~ are united with and they are appointed to those stations for the ensuing year

Per an acct. rec'd from Nantucket Mo. Mtg. the rep. therein named to attend this Mtg. are Alice Mitchell Rep. C. Hussey and Jemima Austin whose names being called are all present

Friends have been favored in this Mtg. with the ~~the~~ 1st 2d & 10th

from Nantucket 2nd. Mo.

Our dear friends inform they have
proposed minutes for our mtg. 1st. 6.
Meader and Thomas Lambert

A proposition having been
laid before this mtg. that our
Quarterly Mtg. be held at this place
at the usual time in 12 Mo. next, was
duly & fully considered and united
with, and has had the concurrence
of this mtg.

The business of this mtg. being
accomplished under a solemnity of
solemnity, we conclude, purposing
to meet again if consistent with
Divine will in 12 Mo. next at this
place.

Mary S. Sibley Clerk

1863

At Sandwich Quarterly Mtg. of Women Friends held at Nantucket 3d of 12 mo. 1863

By an account rec'd from Nantucket Mo. Mtg. the representatives therein named to attend this mtg. are Rep. C. Barney, Mary S. Austin & Rep. C. Hussey whose names being called are all present

The Queries have been read with ans. to the 1st 2d 9th 10th from Nantucket Mo. Mtg.

The business of this mtg being gone through with, with a sweet feel it was held under the notice of him who was said to the meeting seed of Jacob seek ye me face in vain, we conclude, purposing to meet again if permitted in 4 mo next at this place.

Mary S Mitchell Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Mtg. of Women Friends held at Nantucket 7 of 4 mo. 1864

By an acct rec'd from Nantucket Mo. Mtg. the representatives therein named to attend this Mtg. are Eunice B. Paddack Martha S. Hussey and Mary S. Mitchell whose names being called are all present

The Queries have been read with ans. from Nantucket Mo. Mtg. which being adopted by this Mtg. ~~with~~ with an Acct. of Apptmt and Signed are directed forward to the Mtg. of Men and Women Friends, to be held at Newport on R.I. in 6 mo. next, by our frds. Mary S. Mitchell Elizabeth A. Hussey and Hepsabeth C. Hussey who are appointed to attend thereto and report at our next Qrly Mtg.

1864

We have at this time the company of our Friends Thomas Lambern and Wm C. Meader with minutes from Scipio Mo. Mtg. of Friends held 16 of 3d Mo. 1864 expressive of their being ministers in unity with them, and that they were left at liberty to pursue their prospect as Truth might open the way

Their company and Gospel labors have been very acceptable to us, but as their services were not accomplished the subject of furnishing them with returning minutes is deferred to a future Mtg.

The business of this Mtg. being accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet again if permitted in 9 Mo next at this place

Mary S. Mitchell clerk

Summary

Ans 1st Our Mtgs both for worship and discipline have been attended by nearly all our members, while there is a remissness with some in this important duty for which care has been extended; the hour is generally observed; mostly preserved from sleeping, clear of otherwise cumbering behaviour.

Ans 2d We fear that love which is the test of true discipleship and the unity of the spirit of Truth are not fully maintained among us, We know not that detraction is generally guarded against. Where any difference ~~exists~~ have been endeavours have been used speedily to end them

Ans 3d We believe Friends are concerned to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, to restrain them from reading pernicious books

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Ans 8th " Clear as far as appears

Ans 9th Records are duly attended to, no removals since our last acct-

Ans 10 Friends are concerned to deal with offenders in the manner queried after and to place judgement when thought necessary, the trust in the authority of Truth ascending to discipline

1864

At Sandwich Quarterly Mtg. of Women Friends held at Nantucket 7th 7 mo. 1864

By an acct rec'd from Nantucket Mo. Mtg. the representatives to attend this Mtg. are Martha B. Hussey Mary F. Austin and Lydia W. Coleman whose names being called are all present

Eliza H. Hussey on behalf of the rep. to the Mtg. of Men and Women Frds reports they all attended

The Queries have been read with ans. to the ~~Queries~~ 1st 2d & 10th from Nantucket Mo. Mtg.

We have rec'd at this time transcripts of Epistles from Baltimore and N. Y. yearly Mtgs. and from the General Mtg. of Pa. and Ohio, the contents of which are very satisfactory, and have been read to our comfort & satisfaction

We are informed by our Dear Frds, that they have concluded to furnish our Frds. Thomas Lambon and Wm. C Meader who were in attendance of our last Qrly Mtg. with returning minutes — and the Clerk is left at liberty to sign the same on behalf of this Mtg.

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[illegible] Clerk

1864

At Sandwich Quarterly of Women Friends held at Nantucket 6 of 10 mo. 1864

By an Epistle rec^d. from Nantucket Mo. Mtg. the representatives to attend this Mtg. are Mary Gardner Susan Coffin & Hep^a. C. Hussey whose names being called are all present

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed Susan Coffin one of the representatives proposed ~~the~~ Mary J. Mitchell for Clerk and Hep. C. Hussey for Assistant, who being united with they are accordingly appointed to those services for the ensuing year

The Queries have been read in this Mtg. with ans. from Nantucket Mo. Mtg. to the three usually considered at this time

Information is rec'd that the acct from Ransacket Mo. Mtg. that they had united in the judgement of the select Mtg. in the removal of Narcissa B. Coffin from the Mtg. of Ministers & Elders, her ministry not being approved which after a time of deliberation was united with by this Mtg. leaving the commence of restoration, and Sarah S. Paddock is appointed to inform the select Mtg. and report at our next Mtg.

The business of this Mtg. being accomplished we conclude, and forming a Mtg. agreeable to permitted on 12 Mo. next at this place

Mary S. Mitchell Clk

1864 - At Sandwich 2 d. Mo. of Women Friends held 11 of 12 mo. 1864

By an acct rec'd from Nantucket Mo. Mtg. the ap. therein named to attend this Mtg. are Mary S. Mitchell Sarah S. Paddack & Elizabeth Easby whose names being called are all present

Sarah S. Paddack reports she has attended to her appointment in the case of Narcissa B. Coffin

Information is rec'd that the mediums of the acct from Nantucket Mo. Mtg. that they had united with a proposition to acknowledge the gift and public appearance in the Ministry of Elizabeth H. Hussey, which after a time of quietly deliberation is united with by this Mtg. having the concurrence of our dear friends therein. And Mary S. Mitchell is appointed to inform the select Mtg and report to our next Duly Mtg

1865

The Queries have been read in this Mtg. with ans. to the first, second & tenth from Nantucket Mo. Mtg.

The business of this Mtg. being gone thro' with we conclude, purposing to meet again if permitted, in 4th Mo. next at this place.

Mary S. Mitchell clerk

At Sandwich Dly Mtg. of Women Friends held at Nantucket 6 of 4 mo 1865

By an acct. rec'd from Nantucket Mo. Mtg. the Rep. therein named to attend this Mtg. are Eunice B. Paddock, Lydia M. Hussey & Mary S. Mitchell whose names being called are all present

Mary S. Austin informs this Mtg that she has attended to her appointment in giving information to the select Mtg. of the acknowledgment of the gift and publick appearances in the ministry of Elizabeth A. Hussey

The Queries have been read with ans. from Nantucket Mo. Mtg. - which being adopted by this Mtg as descriptive of its present State, with an addl appointment and signed are directed forward to the Mtg of Men and women Friends to be held at Newport on R.I. in 6 mo next by Mary S. Mitchell Eunice B. Paddack Elizabeth Cusby and Sarah S. Paddack who are appointed to attend therewith and report at our next 2dly Mtg.

Our beloved Friend Elizabeth A. Hussey, a minister in unity with us, laid before this Mtg. a prospect that had for sometime rested on her mind of attending the ensuing N.E. yearly Mtg. of Friends held at Poplar Ridge and some of the Mtgs. within its limits, as expressed in the certificate granted her by Nantucket Mo. Mtg which claiming the religious consideration of this Mtg was united with having the concurrence of some Friends therein, she is therefore left at liberty to pursue her prospect as truth may open the way, - and we fervently desire her preservation on the right hand and on the left that when her services are accomplished she may be favored to return to her family & friends with the reward of peace, and the clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy

The business of this duty being accomplished, we conclude proposing to meet again if permitted in future at this place

Mary S. Mitchell Clerk